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MISCELLANEOUS.

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Owing to extreme heat and excessive smoke occasioned by fire in St. Patrick's Day, we have been temporarily closed, but shall reopen, thoroughly refitted, Monday, 24th, when we shall be pleased to see all our old friends, and the public. An Oyster Supper will be served in the after part of the day.
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WASHINGTON.

Leading Indiana Democrats Decide Upon a New Departure.

Living Issues to Be the Basis of the Organization.

Further Particulars Concerning Casey's Confirmation.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CALDWELL.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The rumors with regard to the resignation of Caldwell are entirely without truth. Several of his Kansas friends, alarmed at the tone of the debate which has prevailed for some time, for several days have been urging the Senator to resign, but to no purpose. Caldwell stated to-day that he had no intentions of abandoning the field till he was obliged to do so by an adverse vote of the Senate.

A NEW PARTY.

Parties who have conversed with Gov. Hendricks, and other leading Democratic politicians from Indiana, now in this city, say that the leaders of the Democracy in that State have concluded to abandon the ancient organization, and to form a new liberal party based on the living issues of the day.

JAPANESE CONCESSION.

Intelligence has been received at the State Department to the effect that the Italian Government has negotiated a convention by which all Italians may travel and reside in Japan, subject, of course, to local restrictions. This intelligence is of great importance to the United States, showing, as it does, the growing influence of Italian diplomacy in Japan. It was originally understood that these privileges were to be conferred upon American citizens, but for some reason, as yet unexplained, the American Minister has been overreached by the Italian Minister at that point. This information serves but to confirm the increasing belief here that the United States is gradually losing its power in Japan, and that its old prestige and influence are gradually being counteracted by European powers.

CLAYTON'S CASE.

Leading Republican Senators say that Clayton's case will be postponed till next winter, as the testimony given by the Committee is so voluminous that it will require a long time to examine and digest it.

CASEY'S CONFIRMATION.

The debate in the Senate over the confirmation of Casey, the President's brother-in-law, as Collector of the Port of New Orleans, was rather severe on the character of that gentleman, private as well as official. The Democrats did not take much interest in it, and a large number left before the vote was taken. They said it was not their fight; that they were not responsible for the President's nominations, and, if he appointed unfit men to office, he would be held accountable. The leaders of the opposition to Casey were Senator Schurz and Senator West, the latter assuming to speak for the Republican party of Louisiana. The report of the Special Committee of the House, made a year ago, concerning the condition of affairs in Louisiana, and in which Casey figures in a rather unenviable light, was largely quoted from in the discussion, but all argument against Casey went for nothing, for he was warmly supported by the Administration Senators. To use Casey's own words, he had enough votes from the start, and there was never any doubt of his confirmation. He had at least two votes to spare when the vote was called.

[To the Associated Press.]

CALDWELL.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—A report prevails that Senator Caldwell will tender his resignation to-morrow morning before the discussion of his case shall be resumed, but the Senator himself, having been interrogated on the subject to-night, denies its truth, saying, however, that his course is altogether controlled by the advice of his friends. There seems to be no doubt that a larger vote will be obtained in the Senate for expulsion than for the other propositions.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH CLAIM COMMISSION

will close all its business by the 26th of September, when it will expire by limitation.

NO VISITORS RECEIVED.

The President received no visitors yesterday, as he suffers from the effects of a heavy cold taken on inauguration day, and aggravated by subsequent exposures to the weather.

COMMUTATION.

The warrant to be issued for the commutation of O'Brien's sentence was officially authorized yesterday.

GEN. SPINNER

yesterday entered upon his thirteenth year of service as Treasurer of the United States.

CINCINNATI.

Rubinstein's Symphony—The Catholic Organ Runs Counter to the Feelings of the Sons of St. Patrick.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CINCINNATI, March 23.—Musicians in this city to-day are in raptures over Rubinstein's symphony, entitled "Ocean," performed, for the first time in America, at Pike's Opera-House last evening by Thomas' orchestra, directed by Rubinstein. The orchestra had rehearsed it but once. It required one hour for its performance, and was received with great applause, Rubinstein, as director, is accorded much greater praise than as a pianist.

A rupture is imminent between the *Catholic Telegraph*, organ of the Catholic Church in this city, and the society of Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. The papers, this morning, teem with indignant letters from Friendly Sons, at the criticism of last Monday night's banquet. The society comprises Catholics and Protestants. The Catholic members to-day threaten to report, by resolutions at the next society meeting, the treatment of the *Telegraph*. That paper charges the Catholics with violating Lent by participating in a supper on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. It says they have hankered after dishonor, and eaten dirt. It criticises the toasts to the young republics of Europe, and the following quotation made from Moore, in a speech on that occasion:

Shall I ask the brave soldier who fights by my side
In the cause of mankind, if our creeds do agree?

Friendly Sons had a resolution prepared, but an early adjournment prevented its presentation at the meeting last night. The resolution indorses all remarks made at the banquet on St. Patrick's Day; asserts respect for all denominations; declares rebellion against dictation, and resentment for misrepresentation. Unless the *Telegraph* this week modifies its strictures, it is thought the Society will surely pass the resolution at the meeting next Saturday night. The Protestant members of the society are keeping on the background and leaving this question to their Catholic brethren.

Tennessee State Finances.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 23.—Gov. Brown submitted a message to the Legislature last evening relative to bills making appropriations to charitable institutions of the State, and other purposes, amounting to $300,000 in excess of the ordinary expenses of the State Government. The character of the appropriations, however, led him to sanction the bills. The revenues are not sufficient to meet these extravagant expenditures, and with a view to place the whole subject understandingly before the Legislature, he had asked the Comptroller and Treasurer what action they would take under the third section of the Funding act. He adds: "You will perceive that their construction of that section makes the revenues of the State primarily chargeable with the interest on the bonded debt, and I fully concur in this view of the question. If so further improvement is made in the revenue, our interest and current expenses of the State Government will absorb all our revenues and leave the appropriations in question unprovided for."

He recommends that the Legislature, under the circumstances, provide additional revenues for charitable appropriations. The yield, he says, from the present rate of taxation will be sufficient to pay the interest on the bonded debt, and if the assessment and collection laws are perfected so as to develop all the taxable property of the State, will likewise meet the current expenses of the State, but cannot pay one dollar to these extraordinary appropriations.

Comptroller Hobbs, in reply to the Governor's inquiry, said: "I regard the provision referred to as a primary charge upon all the revenues of the State to the exclusion of any and all demands upon the Treasury for other purposes, and consider it the duty of the Treasurer and financial officers of the State to set apart all revenue, no matter from what source derived, until a sufficient amount is secured to meet the requirements of the section referred to."

Treasurer Marrow replied: "I shall consider it my duty to set apart a sufficient amount of the currency revenue receipts, even if it should take every dollar thereof, to pay the interest on the bonded debt of the State, and that this provision of said bill is a primary claim on every dollar of revenue to be paid in from this to July, 1874."

The Legislature adjourns this week. Desperate opposition will be made to measures to provide additional revenue, but those who sustain Gov. Brown's views are sanguine of success. In any event, resumption of payment of interest on the bonded debt seems secured.

FOREIGN.

Slavery in Porto Rico Abolished by the Spanish Assembly.

The Evacuation Treaty Ratified by France and Germany.

SPAIN.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Secretary Fish to-day received the following dispatch, dated:

MADRID, March 22.—Immediate Emancipation law for Porto Rico passed to-night unanimously. There was great enthusiasm in the Assembly.
(Signed) SICKLES.

MADRID, March 23.—The Assembly met yesterday with the understanding that a vote should be taken on the bill for the abolition of slavery in Porto Rico. A resolution was adopted at the beginning of the sitting that the Chamber would not adjourn until the subject had been disposed of.

Senor Figueras announced that the Ministry had agreed to stand or fall with the measure.

Contrary to general expectation, the House resolved not to continue the debate, and subsequently, by unanimous vote, passed the bill for the immediate emancipation of slaves in the Island of Porto Rico.

The announcement of the result was received with cheers. The bill declares that the Republic of Spain will preserve the integrity of the Spanish dominions, and provides that the emancipated slaves in Porto Rico shall enjoy all political rights accorded to a citizen of Spain. The Government took ample precautions against any disorderly demonstrations in the city.

MADRID, March 23.—The Assembly is considering a resolution for the appointment of a permanent Commission, composed of members of the House, to watch over the Government after adjournment.

FRANCE.

PARIS, March 23.—The French and German Governments have exchanged ratifications of the treaty for the evacuation of France.

NEW YORK.

Runaway Accident—Developments in the Brooklyn Murder—A Woman, the Victim of a Mock Marriage with the Deceased, Believed to Be the Murderer—Railroad Lease—A Heavy Gas Bill.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Jerome B. Wass, Inspector at Large of Internal Revenue, and Mr. Morton, Secretary of the Republican General Committee of Kings County, were thrown from their carriage at Fulton and York streets, Brooklyn, this afternoon. Mr. Wass received injuries in the head which resulted in congestion of the brain. He is not expected to recover.

The latest developments in the Goodrich murder in Brooklyn are that a mock marriage, in which deceased was one of the principals, took place in his house a few weeks ago. The outraged woman afterwards discovered the deceit, and it is believed she murdered him. A woman's screams were heard by the neighbors on several occasions recently. Letters found on the lady contain, it is said, full particulars of the mock marriage, together with the name of the woman and scoundrel who officiated. Two Brooklyn detectives have been searching the city all day to-day for the woman, but unsuccessfully. The inquest takes place to-morrow night, when startling developments are expected. The murdered man was buried to-day from the residence of his brother.

A lease of the Harlem Railroad for 999 years, or in perpetuity, to the New York Central, will be consummated at an early date, possibly during the ensuing week. Harlem stockholders will be guaranteed 8 per cent interest, to be paid in semi-annual instalments of 4 per cent, for which consideration they are to turn over all the road north of Forty-second street, Fourth and Madison avenue, and all the horse car branch from the Harlem Road will remain a separate and independent estate of the Harlem Company for their exclusive operation and profit. In connection with this intelligence, it has transpired that the Panama Railroad Company contemplates doubling their capital stock, and paying 8 per cent dividends on the enlarged capital. The prosperity of the Company is such that, after putting aside enough to pay the current quarterly dividend, the Treasurer is able to show a cash balance on hand of $900,000.

The Revs. Tyng, Beecher, and Hepworth preached on the Foster case to-day. The two latter praised Gov. Dix's action. A woman fainted at the vivid description of the hanging by the latter preacher.

To the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Oscar Zollicoffer, President of the Metropolitan Gas Company, called on Commissioner Van Nort, of the Public Works Department, yesterday, to ascertain if satisfactory arrangements could be made with the city for the payment of nearly a million dollars now due to the Companies, and for securing bills. Zollicoffer stated that if the present financial management of the city is continued the Companies would stop the gas for streets and public buildings.

LABOR TROUBLES.

Strike of Miners at the Mahoning Company's Mines, Near Youngstown, Ohio—Masons' Strike in New York City.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 23.—On the arrival of the armed force from town, on Friday night, at the Mahoning Coal Company's mines, the rioters, who were there in large force, and had commenced hostile demonstrations, dispersed, and the emigrants went into the mines, on Saturday morning, unmolested. The strikers gathered again, last evening, attempting to intimidate the new miners, but were unsuccessful, the guard preventing a collision.

The breach between the strikers and coal operators is daily growing wider, and, to put an end to the strike, the operators intend to import 1,000 or 2,000 emigrants and colored miners at once.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The Connecticut masons who took the places of the striking unionists on the Fourth avenue improvement job, are under the protection of the police. The city masons wanted $4 per day for eight hours, and the contractors would only pay $4 for ten hours.

SPORTING MATTERS.

Pigeon Shooting Match—Rowing Challenge.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The pigeon shooting match yesterday at the old Union Course, Long Island, between Ira A. Paine, of New York, and Edward W. Tinker, of Providence, fifty birds each, $500 a side, resulted in favor of Paine, who killed 42 birds to 39 by Tinker.

Ellis Ward, of Sing Sing, renews his challenge to John Biglin, of New York, to row at Springfield, Mass., in July next, a five-mile race for $500 a side.

REYNOLDS' REFORMERS.

A Meeting of Persons Who Believe that Everything that Is is Wrong.

How They Propose to Reform Society and Remodel Governments.

A Drunken Man Talks from Experience—Several Other People Talk Merely from Habit.

That was a strange gathering that met at Rice & Jackson's Hall yesterday afternoon. There were twenty-one persons in the party—eighteen sober men, one drunken man, an angular female with a fiery red bow at her throat, and an unruly urchin who giggled at everything his elders gave utterance to. This handful of people call themselves moral reformers, and propose to remodel government and society according to their own plans. The meeting was called for the purpose of having a free and untrammeled discussion on those important social questions, "The halter, the press, the pulpit, and equality before the law."

Though the audience was as silent and circumspect as so many marble statues, Mr. Reynolds, a conch-shell collector whose common sense is far in the wake of his years, called it to order, and suggested that it would be altogether parliamentary to elect officers.

Some misguided person took the hint, and proposed that Mr. Reynolds be the Chairman. He was elected. This honor may be considered as a recognition of the fact that Mr. Reynolds was responsible for the rent of the hall.

It was deemed not advisable to appoint a secretary, as it would be an extravagant use of the suffrage privilege.

In his mind's eye Mr. Reynolds took the chair, but in the eye of the audience he stood in the middle of the floor. He said he was responsible for the meeting, small as it was. The people in front of him had a great mission before them—the improvement of society and government. He would have been pleased to see a more numerous attendance, in order that the hangman, the editor, the preacher, and everybody else might be thoroughly and conscientiously criticised. Perhaps it would be better for the meeting to adjourn to a more auspicious time—perhaps not; it would be all the same to him. His hearers might come and sit in his shell conservatory, if they felt so disposed. If they didn't, they might stay away. It would be all the same to him. He would like, however, to hear the views of any person on the noose, the newspaper, the pulpit ranter, or anything else that was uppermost in their minds. Was there any person in the audience who was possessed of an idea?

It seemed not for several minutes. Finally, a statesman-like person named Stoner, who is said to be a patent-right man of remarkable versatility, arose. He said he did not want to be considered as a leader of reform movements, but he would co-operate with any persons who had the good of society and the purification of government at heart. In the opinion of Mr. Stoner, persons entertaining such ideas should cut loose from existing political parties, and form a highly moral concern of their own. This concern should then invade caucuses and conventions, and so impress the assembled scoundrels with the idea of their surpassing virtue as to create in the breasts of said scoundrels a feeling of utter abhorrence for themselves and a desire to be respectable and honest in the future. That was the way in which to purify society and government. Mr. Stoner said he was in favor of a meeting every Sunday at which some popular social question should be discussed. Perhaps it would be well if the President chose the subject for debate—no, not debate, but conversation, such as they have in Congress when a bill is introduced.

Mr. Reynolds, without further delay, drew up the following resolution, which is remarkable mainly for nothing but its absence of sense:

Resolved, That the most speedy way for all citizens to obtain and exercise their free and much-needed influence in suffrage and government is by organization independent of party.

This was the unsafe foundation for a lengthy argument on the part of Mr. Stoner, the point of which was shrouded in impenetrable mystery. It is firmly believed that Mr. Stoner had no definite idea of what he was driving at. Certainly, nobody else had.

Mr. Lewis, a small but wiry orator of the small political meeting stamp, replied to Mr. Stoner, without having the most remote conception of that speaker's line of logic. He managed to make a very sensible and pleasant talk, however. He was opposed to the formation of a party outside of the existing political parties. It wouldn't amount to a hill of beans. If reform was needed, the proper thing for reformers to do was to strike at the evils sought to be remedied, and go right where they existed. If the Sanitary Inspector wanted to purify Bridgeport, he didn't go to Waukeegan for that purpose, accompanied by his chloride of lime and other deodorizers. Mr. Lewis closed with the suggestion that perhaps reform was needed in the ranks of the reformers.

A motion to adjourn, seconded by the angular female, was ignominiously defeated.

Thereupon a person of doubtful good sense, giving the name of Arnold, spoke for quite awhile on the subject of "conscience." It was his belief that, if persons followed the dictates of their consciences, they would come out of the life-struggle with—well, say with the stakes and gate-money. What more can a man ask for?

Mr. Arnold's remarks were greeted with great silence. So were Mr. Lewis'; likewise Mr. Stoner's.

An odd-looking old person named Fair, who gesticulated as if he was performing that unpleasant terpsichorean feat known as "St. Vitus' dance," spoke about invisible stealing. It was a theory of his for twenty-five years.

A person of strange mental formation inquired of the speaker if he had ever seen anything invisible.

Mr. Fair got mad, and replied: "Yes, sir. I know my remarks would tear you up,—would tear others up. You are one of the invisible despoilers to whom I had reference, and now you are torn up."

Dr. Butt, a compounder of alleged wonder-working draughts and lotions, remarkable for his grammar and the persistency with which his hair curls on top of his head, like springs, everywhere else, spoke next. He advocated the new idea that when every person was educated the country would be governed properly, and office-holders would be honest. The Doctor neglected to state when, in his opinion, this education of the masses would be accomplished.

A man with a suggestion of alcohol in voice and movement asked the Doctor why it was that the Senator from Oregon preferred his mileage to his back pay.

The Doctor gave it up.

"Because," said the man, "it was $538 more."

Mr. Reynolds jumped up and said that he was responsible for the behavior of those attending the meeting. If the gentleman wanted to speak he might do so when the time came.

The alcoholic person subsided with the remark, "Correct."

A sallow-complexioned youth, with straggling whiskers, next spoke. He favored the education of young children. Beyond that point his remarks were unintelligible.

The alcoholic person then took the floor with difficulty. He turned out to be a young man of yearning thinness, named Reed. He was drunk, and didn't deny it. If he had his way every distillery and saloon in the country would be closed on Sunday and every other day. Then he couldn't get anything to drink.

"I've drank considerable whisky to-day," said the young man.

"If you were a good citizan you would tell where you got it," said another.

Disdaining to take any notice of this interruption, the muddled person asked the Chair if he remembered Driver.

"Yes, sir," said the Chair, "distinctly."

"Whisky brought him into Tim Bradley's hands," said he of doubtful sobriety.

"Unquestionably so," remarked the Chair.

"Good evening," said the bar-keeper's victim. And he walked out.

The Chair said something concerning the resolution printed above, to which nobody paid particular attention, and the meeting adjourned.

Dr. Butt slid upward and cried, "Hold!"

"On to what?" asked Mr. Lewis.

"Why so?" inquired the Chair.

"Be seated and I will explain," said the Doctor. "I hold in my hand a petition for the release of that champion of free speech and honest government, George Francis Train, who is now incarcerated in the Tombs for publishing obscene literature taken from the Bible, and who is pronounced insane by the hirelings of the Government. Who will sign it?"

"I will," said the angular female with the red bow, and she wrote "Mrs. Higgins" on the paper.

"If man can be arrested in this way in this free country," said the Doctor, "I may be incarcerated as a lunatic myself within a week."

"If you ain't you ought to be," said Mr. Lewis.

This remark turned the meeting into a mob, and the Chair, with difficulty, adjourned it.

A similar gathering will be held a week from next Sunday at the same place.

WISCONSIN.

The Close of the Legislative Session—A Summary of What Has Been Accomplished.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADISON, Wis., March 23, 1873.

Thursday noon the Wisconsin Legislature of 1873 came to an end, after a session of seventy-two days, which is five days longer than the session of 1872, and a third longer than any one supposed when it met, or than it would have been but for the land-grant question. There were very few members, employes, or spectators present at its dissolution,—most of the members, with all the Milwaukee & St. Paul lobbyists, their keepers, leaving by a special train on Wednesday noon, when business wound up with the fallgre to pass the La Crosse Bridge bill over the Governor's vote, and the farewells of President pro tem. Eaton in the Senate, and of Speaker Barron in the Assembly, were spoken to seats for the most part vacant. As to the manner of men composing this Legislature, and the influences controlling them, an opinion has already been expressed in this correspondence. There were few able men in either House. Among the most conspicuous (though it does not follow, therefore, the most useful, as quiet workers are sometimes more valuable than frequent talkers) were Senators Irish, Thorp, Potter, Pratt, H. N. Davis, and Quimby, Republicans; R. E. Davis, Liberal; Cotzhausen, Burehard, O'Rourk, and Schmidt, Democrats; and Assemblymen Armstrong, Bartlett, Cheever, Curtis, Gibbs, Hubbell, Putnam, and Kelsey, Republicans; Sat Clark, Doyle, Fulton, Palmer, Sawyer, and Vilas, Democrats,—Mr. Palmer being, by all odds, the most influential man in the Assembly, and the Republicans as sheep having no shepard. There were few men in either House who made a shining mark, and several who never did anything but to vote as they saw others do. There was a good deal of talk, mainly on minor matters, but very few able speeches or debates. The following is a comparative statement:

	1872.	1873.
Petitions	781	946
Resolutions	119	122
Joint resolutions	79	62
Bills	709	611
Memorials to Congress	26	13
ACTS PASSED.		
General laws	175	136
Private and local laws	141	145
Appropriations	40	27
Memorials to Congress	26	7
Joint resolutions	11	6

The total number of bills passed was 908,—less than at any previous session, at least for many years. Of course, a large number of resolutions, adopted by each House, or concurred in by both, merely relating to business, or not of sufficient importance to be sent to the Secretary of State's office, are not included in the above statement of work accomplished. An unusual proportion of useless and foolish propositions among the bills introduced, in the way of amendments and repeals of existing laws, were rejected; which is to be set down to the credit of this Legislature. Of the acts passed, 46 are amendatory of the Revised Statutes or General Laws. The following are some of the more important acts:

GENERAL LAWS.

Giving the St. Croix & Superior land-grant to the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, conditioned on building road from Prescott to Superior and Rayfield, at the rate of sixty miles a year; from opposite Red Wing up the Chippewa Valley to Chippewa Falls; from Monroe to Shullsburg.

For a complete geological survey of the State, beginning with Ashland County, to be completed in four years, by a Chief and not to exceed four Assistant Geologists, at a cost of $13,000 a year.

To change the management of the State Prison, abolishing the elective office of State Prison Commissioner, and putting the institution under control of a Warden appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, and a Board of Managers.

To codify and revise the laws regulating public printing.

Increasing the salaries of Supreme Judges to $5,000, and of Circuit Judges to $3,000.

Enabling city, village, and town authorities to restrain truancy and absenteeism from school.

To regulate the sale of mineral oils and illuminating substances.

To prevent the indecent exposure of person.

For a commission to investigate the Mineral Point Railroad.

Requiring bridges on the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers to be so constructed or modified as not to inter

LONDON.

The Feeling in England Relative to the Spanish Republic.

Intrigues of Carlists and Communists.

Terrible Charges in Regard to British Ship-Owners.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Feb. 27, 1873.

SYMPATHY WITH SPAIN—CARLISTS AND COMMUNISTS HURRYING TO THE SCENE.

Many Englishmen who are Conservatives at home are Radicals abroad. There ought, one would think, to be an alliance between Conservatives everywhere, and probably the majority of real old Tories are Carlists, Legitimists, and what not, in their Continental sympathies. But many fly in the face of logic, and manifest as much dislike to Papal and absolutist supremacy as does the veriest Republican. The theological question is uppermost with some, and any enemy of Romanism is their friend; while others have a genuine wish that English freedom should be the type of freedom all over the world.

The progress of Republicanism in Europe tries the faith of the average Britisher. It is not what he wanted. He views it with distrust. Amongst the aristocracy the Republic has no friends; and the classes who ape the aristocracy have always on their lips the parrot cry, that the French "are not fit for a Republic." The middle classes sympathize with M. Thiers, though they begin to get tired of his intrigues and his plots; and the rest of the Commonwealth wish well to the Republic. But if there is this division with France, which has at least kept a Republic above the water for a couple of years, what is not said of poor Spain! "The audacity of the thing!" exclaimed most folks when the action of the Cortes was known; and, to this hour, the surprise remains. It is pitiable to note the anxiety of holders of Spanish stock. Truly those gentlemen have had excitement enough for their money. They have been bumped and jostled about as much as any investors I know. Scarcely have they enjoyed a year of security. They button-hole you, and ask you what you really think the Spaniards will do. They cannot make up their minds as to whether it is best to sell or to hold. There is a fascination about Spanish stock. I have known people get out of it during one of the many panics, and then, when the stock went up again actually return to it as purchasers. The situation is as open to conjecture as any one could wish. Since the Homburg tables were closed, we have had nothing like it.

Solid, liberty-loving people would be glad to see Figueras and Castelar succeed in their task, and they begin to get angry with the Government for withholding a full recognition. But, at the bottom of their hearts, they, too, have little actual faith. If there is no civil war before this letter reaches you, the pervading distrust will have subsided; but distrust exists at the present moment.

Madrid, by the way, is the centre for special correspondents. Mr. Forbes, the most daring as well as the most ablest of the class, was first in the city, as the representative of the *Daily News*, and other papers have followed suit. Your New York contemporaries have been constrained to dispatch the best men they can find. On the whole, in the excited condition of Spain, this head of it specially, the correspondents are [illegible] surface.

Poor Spain! Here are the Carlists raising subscriptions in London, to be spent on men and guns; and, only an hour ago, a French Communist, whose life would not be worth a day's purchase if he were seen in Paris, was gleefully showing to a friend of mine his ticket for Cadiz, and his invitation to come to Andalusia, "where," he said, "there is much determination on socialist and territorial questions." Birds of prey, black and red, Carlists and Communists, are hurrying to the scene, and if they could only be left to fight it out, nobody of moderate opinions would object. The mischief is, that they may stir others up to do the fighting for them.

SHIP-OWNERS AND SEAMEN—A BLACK CHARGE.

Have we murderers among the owners of English ships? Are rotten vessels sent out to sea in order to be wrecked,—having been first insured for as much money as will build new ones? Such are the questions to be started in the House of Commons in a few days. Mr. Plimsoll, the member of Parliament who brings the charge, is a self-made man. He is justified in his charges, or does he misrepresent and invent? Two actions for libel, brought by shipowners whom he all but names, are pending; and as he will plead justification, we shall know a little more as to the charges against *them*; but I doubt if proceedings in a court of law form the best method of bringing at them the truth. The Government ought to give Mr. Plimsoll the Royal Commission he asks for, and then witnesses would speak freely.

WHO MR. PLIMSOLL IS.

The legislator who arraigns the ship-owners in these serious matters is a grave, thoughtful looking man. He wears spectacles, and has a studious air. If he did not look like "H's," his speaking would be all the better; but then, as I said, he has made his position for himself, and the letter "H" was not much cared for by those who had charge of him in his infancy. "For months and months" he says of himself, "I lived in one of the model lodging-houses, established mainly by the efforts of Lord Shaftesbury. There is one in Fetter-Lane, another in Hatton Garden, and indeed they are scattered all over London. I went there simply because I could not afford a better lodging. I have had to make 7s. 9½d. (8 per cent of which I paid for my lodging) last a whole week, and did it. It is astonishing how little you can live on when you divest yourself of all fancied needs. I had plenty of good wheat bread to eat all the week, and the half of a herring for a relish (less will do if you can't afford it, for it is a splendid fish), and good coffee to drink; and I know how much, or rather how little, roast shoulder of mutton you can for 9d. for your Sunday dinner. Don't suppose I went there from choice; I went there from stern necessity."

This is an awkward antagonist when he once takes hold. If there really are ship-owners who are murderers, though holding their heads very high, they may well tremble now, and carry about the face of death.

A BLACK LOOK.

Some thing with a black look, at all events, cannot be denied. Nobody familiar with commerce is ignorant of the fact that certain shipowners are so known for their terribly frequent and disastrous losses, and for their general disregard of human life, that; after paying increasingly high rates of premium for insurance in the ports where they are known, the time sometimes comes when they can only insure in London, where they are as yet unknown; and even there, after still further experience, their names become so black with infamy that nobody will insure their risks at any premium; and where it is necessary, in the course of business, to insure cargoes not yet purchased, as corn or cotton abroad, or not yet ready for delivery, as railroad iron for foreign ports, and where the ships are not taken up yet,—in which case it is usual to say on the slip, "in a ship or ships,"—the brokers dare not offer their slips in the room, or would have no chance of success if they did, unless they wrote under the usual particulars these damning words: "Warranted not to be shipped in any vessels belonging to ——, ——, ——;" the blanks being filled up, with the names of certain ship-owners. Mr. Plimsoll declares he has seen slips so indorsed, "and that, too, with names which, however well known by a few, stand fair in the eye of the world, in which their infamous owners hold their heads very high indeed."

WHAT YOU MAY DO.

No means are neglected by Parliament to provide for the safety of life ashore; but you may build a ship in any way you please; you may use timber utterly unfit; you may use it in quantity utterly inadequate; but no one has any authority to interfere. "You may even," says Mr. Plimsoll, "buy an old ship of 50 tons burthen, by auction, for £50, sold to be broken up because extremely old and rotten. She had had a narrow escape on her last voyage, and had suffered so severely that she was quite unfit to go to sea again without more being spent in repairs upon her than she would be worth when done. Instead of breaking up this old ship, bought for 4s per ton (the cost of a new ship being £10 to £14 per ton), as was expected, you may give her a coat of paint,—she is too rotten for calking,—and, to the dismay of her late owners, you may prepare to send her to sea. You may be remonstrated with twice, in the strongest terms, against doing so,—even to being told that, if you persist, and the men are lost, you deserve to be tried for manslaughter. You may then engage men in another port, and, they having signed articles without seeing the ship, you may send them to the port where the ship lies, in the custody of a runner. You may then (after re-christening the ship, which ought not to be allowed), if you have managed to insure her heavily, load her until her maindeck is within two feet of the water amidships, and send her to sea. Nobody can prevent you. Nay, more, if the men become restive, you can arrest them, without a magistrate's warrant, and take them to prison, and the magistrates (who have no choice; they have not to make, but only to administer, the law) will commit them to prison for twelve weeks with hard labor; or, better still, for you, you may send for a policeman on board to overcome the mutineers, and induce them to do their duty! And then, if the ship is lost with all hands, you will gain a large sum of money, and you will be asked no questions, as no inquiry even will ever be held over the unfortunate men, unless (which has only happened once, I think) some member of the House asks for inquiry. The river policeman who, in one case, threatened with imprisonment a refractory crew, and urged them to do their duty, told me afterwards (when they were all drowned) that he and his colleague at the riverside station had spoken to each other about the ship being dreadfully overloaded, as she passed their station on the river before he went on board to urge duty; and that he then, when he saw me, mused badly that he hadn't locked 'em up, without talk, as then they wouldn't have been drowned."

AMERICAN ACTORS IN ENGLAND.

Mr. Emmet has won reputation and earned money in England. His portrait, life-size, is posted on the walls as a recommendation to the theatre at which he performs. In the cartoon he wears a velvet coat, and under his arm is a walking stick. Mr. Emmet plays very cleverly in a piece called "Fritz;" but the play is placed on the stage in a particularly careless manner, according to the customs of society. The maid of all work wears a low-necked dress and short sleeves; and gentlemen attend a ball in frock-coats and colored ties; while the villain of the piece wears a "sombrero," as the novels say, in-doors and out. The French, when they see these things, declare that the English are outer barbarians; but I think we might put up with a good many mistakes in the way of dressing if we only had better actors and actresses. Besides, the scene of "Fritz" is laid in New York. Light farces and extravaganzas alone are cultivated now-a-days. The rising generation of actors know nothing of the art that thrills, and that opens up a world in a few flashes.

HYDE PARK.

Meeting of the Trustees—New Election Districts—Petitions and Communications—Bills Amounting to $1,413.21—Audited—Judges and Clerks of Election Appointed—The Water-Works.

An adjourned meeting of the Hyde Park Trustees was held on Saturday afternoon.

ELECTION DISTRICTS.

On petition of eighty residents of Grand Crossing, or Cornell, a new election district was formed out of District No. 1, to be known as District No. 5, bounded on the south by Eighty-seventh street, and on the north by Sixty-seventh street, east of Cottage Grove avenue, and west of said avenue by Sixty-third street, and extending from State street to Lake Michigan, with the voting-place at the depot at the crossing. District No. 2 was changed by adding to it all between Forty-third and Forty-seventh streets, and between State street and Cottage Grove avenue.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The petition of G. Vandersyde and others for allowance of interest on warrants given in 1871, for work done on Thornton road, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The petition of L. W. Beck and others for opening and grading Sixty-second street, sixty-six feet wide from State street to the line of the South Park, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The report of the South Park Commissioners, embodying resolutions passed by them, asking for the laying of water and gas pipes and sewers before permanent improvement is made by them, is as follows: On each side of South Park avenue, from Thirty-ninth to Fifty-first street, and on the west side of said avenue, from Fifty-first to Sixtieth streets. On the east side of Lyndale avenue, from Thirty-ninth to Forty-seventh street, and on both sides of said avenue from Forty-seventh to Fifty-first streets, were referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The petition from owners on South Park, or Kaufman's Lake, asking the same widened to 150 feet from Sixtieth to Ninety-fifth street, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

BILLS AUDITED.

The following bills were ordered to be paid: E. M. Gardiner, $41.50; Dobson & Rhodes, $136; *Inter-Ocean*, $100; Beatty & Barker, $1182.21; E. Fowler, $66.88; Holbrook & Co., $48.60; J. B. Gardiner, $48.60; Joseph Pollack, $72; pay rolls for various small improvements, $114.50; total, $1,413.21.

IMPROVEMENTS ORDERED.

Owners of property were ordered to construct a six-foot sidewalk on Hyde Park avenue in front of Block 2, and so much thereof as remains unconstructed on the 5th of April next is to be built by special assessment.

An ordinance was adopted to macadamize Greenwood avenue from Forty-seventh to Forty-first street, 24 feet wide and 12 inches deep, and H. B. Bogue, C. M. Cady, and Samuel G. Rhodes were appointed Commissioners to estimate the cost.

The Superintendent was authorized to procure broken stone and gravel and keep all improved streets in repair.

ELECTION MATTERS.

The village Clerk was authorized to issue legal notices for the village election of officers April 15 next, and the following persons were appointed judges and clerks of the election:

First District—H. B. Stebbins, Jos. H. Gray, Winchester Hall, judges; Sidney L. Underwood, Chandler F. Robbins, clerks.

Second District—F. P. Van Wyck, George Miller, F. Dickinson, judges; ——Clard, Frank Hills, clerks.

Third District—James Tully, George K. Edwards, D. McDole, judges; Thomas Doyle, J. L. Marsh, clerks.

Fourth District—G. De Yong, C. Kuyper, H. Vander Belt, judges; George De Yong, M. Hoogbruin, clerks.

Fifth District—S. S. Calkins, J. L. Storms, T. S. Fitch, judges; George H. Warte, George Merrill, clerks.

INDIANA AVENUE.

The contracts for grading Indiana avenue was awarded to Charles Creighton & Co., at 19 cents per cubic foot, and the stone to John McGaffrey & Co., at $3.25 per cubic foot.

STATE STREET.

The President and Superintendent were authorized to arrange with George Rinz and others to straighten State street, between Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets.

WATER-WORKS.

C. M. Cady and John F. Barney were appointed to accompany a committee of the Water Commissioners to examine in other cities than Chicago the processes of raising and distributing water, and to examine and report what contracts can be made for pumps.

It was declared to be the purpose of the Trustees on the 5th of April next to levy one special assessment for laying down all water pipes that may be needed this year, and owners of property wishing pipes in front of their property were requested to present their petitions on or before that time.

The Water Commissioners reported that the sum of $80,000 would be needed this year; that they had employed an engraver to prepare a plate for the bonds, and wished to have the amount and rate of interest fixed. Referred to the Joint Committee.

Adjourned to Tuesday evening, March 25, 7½ p. m.

FOUR ELECTIONS

are to be held in Hyde Park in April: For Town Officers, April 1; for Board of Education, April 5; for village officers, April 15; for School Trustees, April 18.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

has its usual meeting at the Town Hall this evening.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Solomon Unesh, an extensive grape grower and wine manufacturer of Scott County, Ill., has failed. His liabilities are said to exceed his assets $20,000.

Hayden DeDust, charged with being an accessory to the hanging of Elit Coffin, near Atlanta, Ga., July 31, was yesterday bound over in the sum of $2,000 to appear at the next term of the District Court of Cass County.

George W. Rayer, aged 18 years, of the town of Centre, Rock County, Wis., accidentally shot and killed himself on Thursday, by drawing a loaded gun along the ground with the muzzle toward him. The charge entered his stomach, killing him almost instantly.

Bark Emma C. Litchfield, which arrived at New York from Rio Janeiro yesterday, had her whole screw down with yellow fever on Feb. 22, at sea, excepting two men. Two men died. Schooner Brewster, from the same place, lost one man from yellow fever.

A telegram from Detroit, received yesterday after noon, says a man fell from the ferry boat on the river, on Friday night and his body, up to 12 o'clock, has not been found. His name is not known, but it is thought he was a Chicago man who has been selling cement hereabouts for several days.

A meeting was held in Cleveland, on Friday evening, for the purpose of organizing a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. A Committee was appointed to memorialize the Legislature, asking for the passage of a law on the subject of cruelty to animals similar to the one now before the Legislature of New York. Much interest was manifested in the subject by all present.

FOREIGN.

NICARAGUA.

PANAMA, March 8.—It is stated that the practicability of the ship-canal through Nicaragua has been settled by the labors of the present United States surveying party in Nicaragua. The difference of levels between Lake Managua and the large lake of Nicaragua has been determined to be 22 35-100 feet American and 24 3-10 feet Spanish measure. The surveying party visited the capital, and on the 18th of February last took the steamer on the lake which was to convey them to Virgin Bay.

GUATEMALA.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Guatemala advices say that, in the revolution which exists there, and which is headed by Palacias, the Government is exiling, shooting, and imprisoning on all sides.

The misconduct of the English Minister, Corbett, has caused a bitter feeling against England. Corbett sought to secure the appointment of one Dent as a customs receiver at a local port, who was personally objectionable to the people. The Guatemalan Government refuses longer to recognize Corbett.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, March 22.—To-day is a holiday here, it being the 76th anniversary of the birth of Emperor William. Flags are flying from public and private buildings, and the city will be illuminated to-night.

SPAIN.

MADRID, March 22.—The Radicals are determined to prevent the demonstration of the extreme Republicans. A crisis is expected to-morrow.

FIRES.

A Woman and Two Children Burned to Death in Calhoun County, Iowa—Other Fires Yesterday.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, March 22.—A most distressing calamity occurred, a few nights ago, five miles northeast of Pomeroy, Calhoun County, by the burning of a sod cabin, with a thatched roof of hay, straw, and sticks, resulting in the death of the inmates, a poor woman named Halleck, and her two small children. The roof, composed as it was of light material, dry as tinder, burned the poor creatures so terribly as to cause their deaths yesterday.

A fire at nine o'clock, to-night, destroyed the brick dwelling of Herman Chatwick. Loss, $2,500; insured $1,400 in the North Missouri. Barn of William Newman; loss, $1,000; not insured. One or two small buildings in the vicinity were also destroyed. The fire originated in Newman's barn.

A fire early this morning destroyed the boarding-house of P. Dunn. The building was a frame one, and owned by Mrs. Mary A. Cummings. Loss, $1,500; not insured. Dunn's loss on furniture is $800; insured for $450. Dunn was this afternoon arrested, charged with being the incendiary.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., March 22.—Woodbury's flouring mill at Kalamazoo was burned at 4 o'clock this morning, together with some grain on hand, 400 barrels of flour, and the machinery. The loss is about $25,000; insurance about $11,000.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A fire in Crosby street, near Broadway, last night, burned Demorest's carriage repository and Reynolds' hat and cap factory. The loss is $24,000.

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

Riotous Conduct of a Lot of Strikers—Stones and Pistols Brought into Action—A Ringleader Mortally Wounded—Strikes Expected.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—Some twenty or thirty men, who, a few days ago, struck on the Slough levee work, about fifteen miles below Hannibal, Mo., organized into a mob yesterday and attacked Mate Harris, the Steamboat, and Thomas Stapleton, the walking-boss of the work, throwing stones and clubs. Harris and Stapleton returned the fire and killed Patrick Vaughn, one of the ringleaders, and mortally wounded Pat McNamara. Harris and Stapleton subsequently went to Hannibal, where they gave themselves up.

NEW YORK, March 22.—At Bergen Point, N. J., yesterday, some thirty laborers boarded a railroad train, and, in the attempt to collect their fares, a severe fight ensued, resulting in dangerous injuries to several persons, including the conductor and brakeman.

It is now stated that a strike is imminent among the [illegible] in this city.

The Eight-hour League, which includes the German sections of painters, joiners, polishers, cabinetmakers, etc., is also expected to strike. All the members of the gas men last night, the recent action of the gas companies in reducing the wages, in consideration of eight hours work, was considered. A demand was made for a general strike, and it is said that another meeting will be held to-night, when preparations will be made for a general strike early next week.

BOSTON, March 22.—The journeymen horse-shoers of Boston have voted an assessment of $1 each per week for the payment of $10 per week to each man out of employ by the strike at the Metropolitan Horse Railroad shops.

IOWA.

Drowned—Fatal Experiment in the Log-Splitting Line—Grain in Store.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, March 22.—Near Potosi, Wis., a young German, named Henry Bonn, was drowned last night by breaking through the ice while crossing Grant River.

Particulars of a fearful accident near LaMotte, Jackson County, Iowa, the result of the most foolhardy venture, are at hand, from which it appears that James McAllister, a boy of 15, not satisfied with the ordinary method of chopping logs with an axe and wedges, undertook to facilitate matters by the use of powder. Accordingly, he drilled a hole in the end of the log, filled the cavity with powder, which he rammed down tightly, and, having no fuse, dropped a live coal into the powder. The explosion that ensued tore the log into splinters, and took off his head, scattering the brains in all directions. The body, also, was mutilated beyond recognition.

The largest quantity of grain ever known to be on hand at this time of the year is now stored at the following places: Total estimated number of bushels, 800,000, divided as follows: Iowa, Dubuque, 200,000; McGregor, 80,000; Illinois, Galena, 80,000. Wisconsin, Prairie du Chien, 10,000; Bridgeport, 20,000; Woodman, 10,000; Boscobel, 45,000; Blue River, 10,000; Muscoda, 15,000; Platteville, 10,000; Cassville, 40,000; Potosi, 15,000.

UTAH,

Small-Pox in San Pete County—Financial—Speculations Regarding the Next Governor.

SALT LAKE, March 22.—A correspondent of the *News* this evening reports a terrible state of affairs in San Pete County, owing to the small-pox. The carelessness of the people in not adopting the proper sanitary regulations is the main cause of the alarming spread of the disease. In this city there seems to be an increased number of cases, creating general public uneasiness.

Business seems no way unsettled by the late monetary scare, culminating in a run on the First National Bank. All the banks, however, took warning and telegraphed for currency in large amounts, which arrived to-night late.

Private advices from Washington indicate that Gov. Woods, who, it is generally supposed, the President intends to send abroad, will be succeeded by Gen. P. Edward Connor, formerly Commander of the district.

A new paper, the *Grant Vidette*, of mammoth proportions, appeared to-day.

"Local Option" in Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—"Local option" was yesterday defeated in most of the counties. Northampton County gave 4,500 majority for license; Lebanon gave 2,800 for license; Bucks County, 2,500 for license; Montgomery County, 2,800 for license. The Democrats elected their ticket in Pottstown by 113 majority.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 22.—Yeager, Republican, was elected Mayor yesterday. Local option was defeated by 940 majority in Chester County. The majority against license is 1,000. Bethlehem gives 631 majority against license.

New York Central Railroad Taxes.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 22.—Seventeen locomotives, belonging to the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, seized by United States Collector Bailey, were sold to-day, realizing only about $17,000. They were bought by E. D. Worcester, Treasurer of the Company. There is still $445,000 due the Government. The Company's attorney previously protested against the sale as illegal. It is supposed that the new depot buildings will be next seized to apply in liquidation of the tax.

Election Excitement.

LITTLE ROCK, March 22.—In the special election held on Monday for Alderman of the First Ward, W. J. Murphy was elected by a majority of over two to one. The Council met last night, and refused to recognize Murphy's election, and swore in his opponent, who did not receive half as many votes as Murphy. The most intense excitement prevails in consequence, and indignation meetings are being held to-night on the corners of the principal streets, and the action of the Council is denounced in the severest terms.

Massachusetts Legislature.

BOSTON, Mass., March 22.—The House, to-day, passed to a second reading the bill that all places resorted to for prostitution, lewdness, or illegal gaming, to be deemed common nuisances, and punishing whoever keeps such places by imprisonment.

Another Murder.

RICHMOND, Va., March 22.—Visconsio Castrones, an Italian, died to-day from the effects of a blow with a billet of wood in the hands of Guiseppe Simione, during a personal altercation last evening.

Ocean Steamship News.

LONDON, March 21.—The steamships Calabria, City of Montreal, and Manitoban have arrived out.

Obituary.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—John Lewis Baker, a well known actor, died this morning, aged 45.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CALDWELL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—A leading member of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, who has carefully noted the effect of the debate of the last week on the case of Caldwell, says to-night while perhaps no Senator has had his convictions changed by the speeches, yet the pertinacity of the press has been so widely advertised by the press, that many will be obliged to vote for Caldwell's expulsion, under the pressure of public opinion, who are otherwise friendly to his interests. The Senate spent two hours to-day in endeavoring to conclude some arrangement by which a final vote could be taken at a stated time, but objection was made by some Senators, who had reason to believe that if a definite time was fixed, Caldwell's friends would resort to some sharp practice to secure his escape, Senator Morton has the floor for Monday, and will then answer all the arguments made against his report. Some Senators think the Caldwell case will be concluded, and the Senate adjourn by Tuesday; while others do not anticipate an adjournment before the last of the week.

CLAYTON.

The Clayton case cannot, it is thought, under any circumstances consume more than two days.

COLLECTOR CASEY.

Casey was confirmed this afternoon as Customs Collector at New Orleans by a very fair majority, notwithstanding the opposition of Senator West. Casey was hanging round the Capitol all day, but left as soon as he heard of his confirmation. West is not himself in very good odor with the Republican Senators. They regard him as rather flashy, and are not inclined to trust him too much after his opposition to Casey. It is very certain that the doors of the White House will be practically closed against him hereafter. The debate on Casey to-day occupied two or three hours. Considerable time was also spent in discussing the nomination of William S. Tough, Marshal for Kansas, and he was rejected; but afterwards the vote was reconsidered, and he was confirmed.

THE O'BRIEN PARDON.

The President to-day signed the order directing the Attorney-General to issue the papers commuting the sentence of the murderer, O'Brien, to imprisonment for life. The whole community, without regard to class, is indignant at this interposition of the President. It is now believed that in the course of a few months O'Brien will be pardoned altogether, as several ladies, prominent in the first circles, have strangely enough appealed personally to the President in his behalf.

[To the Associated Press.]

LIFE-SAVING STATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secretary Boutwell has appointed S. J. Kimball, of the Revenue Marine Office, and Capts. Merryman and Founce, of the Revenue Marine Service, as a committee, under the act of March 3, to determine at what points it is to the interest of humanity and commerce to establish life-saving stations.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate, to-day: Robert Keller, District of Columbia, Consul at St. Martin, W. I.; William S. Tough, United States Marshal for Kansas; Isadore Eslinger, Appraiser of Merchandise, Evansville, Ind.; Edward S. Seward, Michigan, Agent of the Indians of the Whetstone Agency, Dakota. Postmasters—Jacob E. Whitenach, Jerseyville, Ill.; Charles C. Myers, Kendallville, Ind.; Joseph S. Bradley, Decatur, Ill.; A. Wadley, Duck Hill, Yazoo, Miss.; Charles S. Bangs, Hillsboro, Ill.; T. S. Chase, Kansas City, Mo.; D. W. Clemmer, Dowagiac, Mich.; Simis Noeth, Brunswick, Ga.; Thomas B. Mavery, Macomb, Ill.

CONFIRMED.

The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: James F. Casey, Collector of Customs, New Orleans; Delos Lake, Collector of Customs, Southern District of Oregon; William S. Tough, United States Marshal of Kansas; Postmasters—Jacob Hough at Bellefontaine, Ohio; Amasa M. Morse, Petamula, Cal.; George F. Dod, Bloomington, Ill.; Nicholas Pilbeck, Terre Haute, Ind.; John L. Miller, Lafayette, Ind.; H. H. Opdegrove, Van Wert, O.; Perry Fawes, Sedalia, Mo.

ALLEGED DEFALCATION.

NEW YORK, March 22.—It is stated from Washington that Gen. Blount, whose transactions with the Cherokee Indians, in North Carolina, have for some time been under investigation, was arrested in Washington yesterday on a requisition from the Governor of that State, on a charge of being a defaulter to the amount of $30,000.

SENATE—EXTRA SESSION.

THE CALDWELL CASE.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Caldwell case.

Mr. FERRY (Mich.) presented the resolution of Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Ferry) submitted the resolution of expulsion. He had given close attention to the ten days' debate on the question, whether bribery vitiates the election of a member. This debate was confined to the legality of the act by which Mr. Caldwell held [illegible] as opposed the majority of the Committee on Elections were in favor of. It was the proper method to be pursued, therefore they chose to present the question involving the validity of the election.

Mr. MORTON interrupted Mr. Ferry's remarks as to the various resolutions submitted from different Senators on the subject, and said that the Chairman of the Committee, took the ground that the Senate had a choice of remedies, and favored expulsion, but the majority of the Committee thought proper to present a resolution declaring the seat vacant, rather than one of expulsion.

Mr. FERRY, resuming, said he would not commit himself in advance as to the merits of questions involved, but should approach each of them with the respect due to the State's action and his constitutional duty to deal rigidly with official wrong.

He then offered an amendment to the amendment pending, to place back the Senate in the election on a Senator the subject of review by the Senate.

Mr. TERRY (Conn.), in explaining the reasons for having heretofore offered amendments to the Committee's resolution for the proposed expulsion of Mr. Caldwell, said that, in examining all the evidence, he was unable to avoid the conclusion that the election in 1871 was effected by bribery in the interest of Mr. Caldwell, and pursuant to money having been paid by Mr. Caldwell himself. Having arrived at this conclusion of facts, it seemed to be essential not simply to the dignity and honor of the Senate, and to the sense of public feeling of the country, but for the preservation of the institutions under which we live, that the Senate should in some way emphatically express condemnation of the transaction. According to common law and usages running through all English decisions until now, a bribed vote is no vote, and if it be found that bribed votes effected the election, they must be cast out and the election voided. When the charge was made that the election had been procured by bribery, it was the bounden duty of the Senate, under the constitutional clause that made the Senate the judge of the election qualification, to inquire into the facts.

Some time was spent in an exchange of views, as to fixing the order in which the pending propositions shall be voted on, but no arrangement was made.

No Senator rising to continue the debate, the closing speech devolved on Mr. Morton, who said he was not ready to do so to-day, and moved that the Senate go into executive session, which was agreed to. At the expiration of the Executive session, the Senate adjourned.

SPRINGFIELD.

Local Politics—The Approaching Municipal Elections—Personal—Negro Celebration—The Judicial Apportionment Bill.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 22.—Our municipal election, which takes place in April, is just now exciting considerable attention. The ticket will divide party lines sharply, and, as prominent gentlemen will be put up for the position of Mayor, there will be a sharp fight. It is generally conceded that the Hon. Wm. M. Springer will be the Liberal candidate for Mayor, and, until it was settled that he should run, Jack Smith, the present incumbent, expected to walk over the course. It seems now that he is frightened off, for he refuses to run, and the Republicans are casting about for some one else to take his place.

Gen. J. L. Reynolds, Senator-elect from Cook County, will make the tour of Europe this summer, and he has therefore prepared himself with an honorary commission from Gov. Beveridge to attend the Vienna Exposition.

Our colored people are preparing to celebrate the 31st day of March, being the anniversary of the adoption of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution. Gov. Beveridge and Gen. Lippincott are to address them.

Richard F. Crawford, of Winnebago County, elected to succeed the late Hon. H. G. Cross, deceased, as Representative from the Ninth District, received his certificate of election from the Secretary of State, to-day. He will take his seat and be sworn in next Tuesday.

The Judicial Apportionment bill has not been signed by the Governor, and will not receive his signature until the last moment of the ten days allowed him. The repealing clause, it is held, will repeal all the present circuits out of existence, and cut off all the suits in progress, leaving the State outside of Cook County actually without courts for the next three months. A supplementary bill, containing the present circuits until the elections in the new circuits, has been introduced in the House and an effort will be made to pass it before the ten days are up. The circuit bill will be signed, whether the supplementary bill passes or not.

Euthanasia.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PEORIA, Ill., March 22.—Daniel Kestriel, a German cooper, committed suicide this afternoon, at his house in lower Peoria. He was arrigned in the Police Court this morning for trouble with his son, and it is supposed went home and deliberately shot himself out of the window. When found the old man was lying across his body, with one barrel discharged, a string attached to the trigger, and the other end in the man's hand, showing that he had killed himself.

DETROIT, March 22.—At Comstock, yesterday morning, Jerome Goodrich started down-stairs at an early hour. He found his mother, Mrs. Philip Goodrich, hanging in the stairway. She was 62 years old. The supposed cause was despondency at the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Coe, and other domestic troubles.

The Modoc War.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The following was received to-day:

VAN BREMER'S RANCHE, Cal., March 16.

To Gen. W. T. Sherman, Washington:

The squaw sent into the Modoc camp returned yesterday. The excuse made by the Indians for not keeping their appointment is that, at the last moment, their hearts failed them, and they could not bring themselves to the point of abandoning their old homes and going to a distant country. They are evidently not now in a disposition favorable to any arrangement, though they profess a willingness to have another talk. It will be some time before the Commission can be assembled, and in the meantime the troops will be put in positions that cover as far as possible all points of egress from the lava beds. I think that a system of gradual compression with the exhibition of the force that can be used against them, if the Commission should again fail, will satisfy them of the hopelessness of any further resistance, and give the peace party sufficient strength to control the whole band. Time is becoming of the greatest importance, as the melting of the snow will soon enable them to live in the mountains. This will greatly increase the difficulties we have to contend with, as they will then break up into small parties, and can more readily make their escape from their present location.

EDWARD R. S. CANBY,
Brig.-Gen. Commanding.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Gold, Bond, Stock, and Produce Markets.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The money market was much less distressing to borrowers than at any time for a week, the rule this morning being 1-32 flat, to 1-32 and interest. In the afternoon balances were less down to 4 per cent per annum, which was the clearing rate.

STOCKS.

Stocks continue dull. Western Union Telegraph is strongly bolstered up by the stubbornness of the clique, who for their own safety are forced to sustain the market. It is said, also, that money in large amounts has been obtained on the pledge of the stock at 80 as collateral, against loans of New York Central, which may further account for its stiff support. Pacific Mail and Harlem have been weak at times.

There is no truth in the report that the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has been leased to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, nor is it true that negotiations have been opened with that end in view. The story comes from Chicago, and the officers of the St. Paul here have had disagreeable inquiries in regard to the subject directed to them.

FORGED CERTIFICATES.

In regard to recent forgeries of share certificates of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, it has been definitely ascertained that the certificates are genuine impressions, and this is admitted by the respectable firm of Messrs. Siebert Bros., engineers, who are endeavoring to ascertain whether the certificates were abstracted from their printing house or from the Government stamp office, or from the "stub book" of the Fort Wayne Company. While certificates are in all particulars as far as engraving is concerned, the same as all other certificates of this kind issued by the Company, there is a difference in the internal revenue stamp, which is, or should be impressed at the Government office. In the genuine certificates this stamp contains the head of Franklin, where it is a 25 cent stamp, and the head of Washington where it is 2 cent stamp. In the counterfeits the 25 cent stamp bears the head of Washington, instead of that of Franklin, which seems to have been a device of the forgers to evade the penalties for counterfeiting United States stamps. It is also believed by the engravers and many others, that the certificates are genuine, except the Government stamp, as in the case of the Fort Wayne. The Wabash Company are having new certificates engraved.

GOLD.

Gold was strong all day, closing at 113¾. The treasure shipment was $185,000, all silver.

BONDS.

Governments were strong, and moderately active.

THE BANKS.

The bank statement is favorable this week, the associated banks having $217,226, lawful money, above the 25 per cent requirement, while last week there was a deficiency of $264,350. There has been a sharp contraction of loans.

PRODUCE.

Flour was quiet, but closed in fair request. Low grades were steady and medium stronger. No. 2 and superfine were in moderate demand. Good lines of shipping extras are scarce and wanted. Amber winter wheat extras are very firm and fairly active. Sales, 6,700 bbls; receipts, 8,280 bbls. Holders of spring wheat are quite firm. The market closes strong, the demand being in part for export, but chiefly for milling. Sales, 10,000 bu. Corn, 4,000 bu. Pork was fairly active and steady. There was a jobbing business at $16.25 for new mess; 25 brls thin mess at $15.62½; 260 barrels mess for June at $16.25. Of prime mess, 1,000 barrels sold on spot and terms; city quoted at $17.00@16.50; receipts, 620 packages. Cut meats were generally quiet and prices about nominal. Dry salted shoulders are quoted at 6¼c. Sales reported of 50 boxes of packed bellies at 10c, 14 for; receipts, 2,592 packages. Bacon quiet and quiet and rather unsettled; long clear, 8@8¼c; and short clear, 8¼@8½c; 100 boxes light short rib sold at 8¾c. Lard was quiet, and at the market about as yesterday. Of Western 200 tcs for March sold at 8 7-16c; 100 tcs city at 8¼c; for future delivery 75 tcs April at 8 9-16c; receipts, 1,636 tierces and barrels and 300 kegs.

DUST TO DUST.

Funerals of Foster and McElhaney Yesterday—Attempted Suicide of the Former.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 22.—In the Sheriff's office it is believed that Foster attempted to poison himself yesterday morning. The matron of the prison found the condemned man in a stupor at 8:15.

After much shaking he was aroused and confessed that he had taken a morphine opium pill. The matron forced him to swallow two cups of strong coffee which made him vomit. Doctors Nealis and Vandewater were called, and Foster was taken into the corridor and walked up and down, while ice water was freely poured upon his head. When the Sheriff learned these facts he hurried the execution, and Foster was dying when he was led to the gallows. Such is the story going about, but the authorities refuse to receive the particulars, although they admit the doctors say Foster showed symptoms of poisoning, and there is some truth in it. The man's mother is dead, and she cannot be seen. There is to be an investigation. A deputy, who was once a playmate of Foster, is suspected of giving him the pill. Your correspondent talked with the deputy in question to-night, and he says Foster was the greatest coward he ever knew. He does not believe he had nerve enough to kill himself. Dr. Tyng denies that Foster showed any symptoms of poisoning. The writer's observations previous to and during the execution lead him to believe the story a canard. The Deputy Sheriff alluded to above told the writer that Foster was as composed and unprepared for death when on the gallows as the day he killed Putnam. He added: "It's all over now, but Bill was a bad man. I have been acquainted with him since he was a boy, and no one knew him better than I did."

LATER.

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nsideration, $7,200.
nd Washington, w f, 25x150
ration, $17,500.
May and Curtis sts, s f, 50x
deration, $8,500.
adin and Loomis sts, s f, 3
; consideration, $1,500.
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Thirty-second st, w f, 50x170
onsideration, $8,500.
Wood st, n f, 25x125 ft, dated
50.
ft w of Robey st, n f, 25x
consideration, $700.
ington and Madison sts, s f,
with improvements, dated
$14,500.
and Robey sts, s w f, Lot 52,
ration, $1,000.
of Lots 17 and 18, in Block
llitia, dated March 18; con-

art of Block 58, Sec 7, 39, 14,
ation, $4,500.
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on, $1,150.
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14; consideration, $600.
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nsideration, $1,050.
and and Sedgwick sts, n f, Lot
deration, $4,025.
f Fulton st, w f, 182 8-10x
; consideration, $5,800.
f Twenty-second st, s f, 50x
nsideration, $1,000.
of Leavitt st, n f, 25x83 ft,
ation, $800.
w Lots 5 to 8, in Block 74, in
dated March 20; considera-

McCagg place, e f, 25x112½ ft,
deration, $5,000.
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n 1½ ft of Lot 17, in Block
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CITY LIMITS.

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rsized, $4,000.

CITY LIMITS.

Cleaverville, dated March 17;

¼ Sec 8, 38, 14, dated Jan. 21;

e 14, 38, 14 (except railroad),
sideration, $73,615.
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, 13, dated March 3; consid-

CITY LIMITS.

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FOR THE WEEK.

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YORK.

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The Chicago Tribune,
-Baron De Garay, husband of
the celebrated prima donna
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ed two of the largest keno
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f a man who lost $600 in No.

against Abraham S. Winants,
Richmond County, for $36,000
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Associated Press.]
The Legislative Committee,
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d not attach the latter in the
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accept the attachment for it.

Legislature.

March 22.—The House to-day,
with Circuit School Superin-
for County Superintendents.
appointed to investigate the
ported against martial law.
Government appoint good
vacant offices in the county,
tructed to thoroughly investi-
ions the war.
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tion of Prosecuting-Attorney.

er Trial.

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upposed conspirator in the
which has been in progress
s before Esquire Smith, in-
fifty witnesses, was ended
. The defendant was held
of the District Court, in
t of the bond was $2,000,
given by the defendant.

Hanged.

rch 22.—Judge Dalrymple in
this morning, refused an ap-
the case of Luigi Lustarni,
his wife at Dover, and sen-
Thursday, May 1, next.

nations.

The Democratic City Con-
d Joseph Brown for Mayor.
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to-day nominated as Repub-
institutional Convention for

Congressional Elec-
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March 22.—The friends of
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Shooting.

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on duty, was cleaning his
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ng through and killing two

"CHRISTIANITY IN RUINS."

With Some Remarks on the Church of the Future.

A Paper by Father Hyacinthe.

From the Independent.

Christians and Frenchmen, let me ask you what moment you would elect to perpetuate and to renew our quarrels? Is it that moment when, amid a revolution without parallel, social order and the religious, Christianity and France appear to sink beneath our feet?

Christianity is in ruins, and why? Because we have refused it the only demonstration which could have established it firmly in men's belief and in men's hearts—the demonstration by works. Christianity came into the world well nigh 2,000 years ago, not in the guise of a new idea, to be consigned to the pages of books and to be discussed in the schools; but as a new fact, which purported to have power to renew all things, beginning with man's soul and ending with earth and Heaven. Indeed, it announced nothing less than new heavens and a new earth, wherein righteousness should dwell. (II. Peter, iii. 13.) But alas! we have discovered the means of making the Divine promises false. Have we not upheld, against the Gospel, the Old Man, and with him the entire old creation? Are the heavens less firmly shut, less leaden than ever? Is the earth less barren or less defiled? Finally, is it peopled now by the saints, and are we, perchance, that race which is born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, but of God? (John, i., 13.) The pharisaism of the Jews, the idolatry of the Gentiles, all the errors and all the sins of the ancient world have reappeared in Christ's Church, under forms all the more hateful inasmuch as they are the corruption of sublime truth and morality. The Kingdom of God has failed of being established here below; we still worship at Jerusalem and on Gerizim—not in simplicity and in oneness of heart; the family has not in its sanctified affections copied Christ's love for the Church or the Church's submission to Christ; the reconciliation between rich and poor has not been brought about by the recognition of that equality which the Apostle preached (II. Cor., viii., 13, 14); prayer has not consecrated labor, nor has gladness raised men's hearts. After traversing the globe or the whole course of history, the shrewd and impartial observer puts himself the question: In what respect is the civilization which is called Christian superior to that which goes by another name? In short, Christianity was intended to be a life, and we have made it an abstraction, setting over against the systems of a rationalism which destroys or impairs, but cannot rebuild, other systems of dogma and moralism which affirm without being able to convince and oftentimes without ceasing to doubt.

And yet the problems which lie at the foundation of society are in our days set forth with a precision and a force as never before. Plainly, the social question is just now one of life and death. In vain will you try to put it down with force or to avoid it by strategem. It has to be solved, and for Christians the solution of all difficulties is Christ—as one of our ancient ancestors said: *Omnis difficultatis solutio Christus est.* This generation, which will listen only to facts, we must meet with the demonstrations of Christian positivism. "Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?" says the Master. "By their fruits ye shall know them." (Matt., vii., 16.) But to this end we must put a stop to our internal dissensions. No doubt it is important for a church that its theology, discipline, and liturgy should be made as perfect as possible. No man recognizes this truth more fully than myself. But yet these things are but means, not ends; and these edifices, which cost so much labor, have, after all, no value, except in that one that is made of them. They are like the lamp which is carefully trimmed for the sake of the light which it will foster and disperse abroad. But where is the use of our lamp if we keep ever trimming, but never light it, or if we lock it up in our schools and in our churches—I had almost said *in our vestries?* Let us, then, go out into the open air; let us mingle with the crowd which hustles and jostles along in the darkness; let us shed upon their toils and sufferings the light of that practical faith which holds the promises of the present as well as of the future life, and whereof Jesus did not hesitate to affirm that it would perform the same works he performed, and even greater still. (John, xiv., 12.)

I will not conclude without speaking of France. This, in truth, is to open the burden of all our woes; but it is at the same time to appeal to all our hopes, to every sense of duty. Do not fear, however, lest I should talk politics. This is not, as I well know, the fitting place, far less is this the fitting time; for, when our task is to discover the cure of our ills, we must seek the causes of them elsewhere besides in defects and in the governments which have been imposed upon us. Our disasters date back further than the war—further than the Empire. And as for our present discords—the sure pledges of greater catastrophe still, if they continue—their concernment is with something very different from either the Republic or the monarchy. There is in Spanish America a republic answering better to the aspirations of certain defenders of throne and altar than any monarchy in Europe; and, in like manner, of all the objects pursued by moderate and practical Republicans. I know not one which might not be secured under the rule of a liberal monarchy. No, the republic and the monarchy are insufficient to account for so terrible, so profound an antagonism. What divides us is not political nor even social questions; we are divided by questions of religion. There have risen amongst us two contradictory conceptions of things, which are at the bottom dogmatic conceptions; two religions, distinct from one another, which have each an equal tendency to engraft themselves upon the laws, on the government, on education, on the whole country, in order to bring about the reign either of Atheism or of Theocracy. France is thus reduced to pitiable straits, having on the one hand a morality independent of religion, and on the other a religion independent of morality; here the negation of the true God, there the assertion of a false deity.

I must speak out the whole truth, for such is the supreme duty of the hour, and I will utter it without rancor; for, amid all the griefs that I endure, I feel no emotion of hate for any man. There is not in my heart one drop of gall for any one whatever. But I speak the truth when I say that we are dying between two blasphemies; one affirming and the other denying; on the one side an idol, on the other nonentity.

All idols are not graven in wood and stone. Some are built up of words in man's imagination. Such an idol is the falsely called God of Fanaticism and Superstition, who regrets that blood no longer flows in honor of him; who blesses the lies daily employed in his service; who is the chief hindrance to the progress of science, of liberty, and of morality; a strange deity, who can be announced only after the Bible is shut and Christ hidden away, and the reason and conscience of generations systematically tampered with in the very cradle! Oh! if the atheism of our day were simply to condemn this idol, it were like the atheism charged on the early Christians; at least, it would imply an impassioned appeal to the unknown God, and I should recognize in its shadows the morning dawn of a grand religious upwaking.

But what do we see in point of fact? The true God involved in one common reprobation with lying deities; nay, whatsoever is in any way divine in man and in nature made the object of an implacable hate; and, as though we were at the prelude of the final revolt, man setting himself above whatsoever is worshiped and sitting in the temple of God. (II Thess., ii, 4.) Do I misrepresent this irreligious democracy, which would arrogate to itself the right of educating our people? Do we not daily find, even in its comparatively moderate organs, the utter negation not alone of Catholicism (which is not to be charged with the abuses introduced in its name), but of Christianity in general? But why speak of Christianity since they deliver their attacks directly and purposely upon the very principle of Monotheism: This idea of God, which constitutes the exceptional nobility of the races that have received it—the Monotheistic idea, the idea of a God who is One, Personal, Living—this they would represent as a lapse of reason, a kind of metal disease or intellectual leprosy inherited from the news. It was our ill fortune, then, that, after shining forth and becoming obscured, again at the cradle of the human race, it was discovered anew one day on the banks of the Euphrates, in the miraculous faith of a descendant of Shem, who became, he alone, the Father of all who believe, of whatever race they may be. It was our undoing, forsooth, that again, in the majesty of the wilderness, it was revealed in a higher form to that shepherd whom it constituted the moral and religious lawgiver of his people and of all humanity. "And Jehovah said to Moses, I am that I am. Thou shalt say to the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you." Sublime definition, to be repeated in every zone of space and of time, in all philosophies, as in all churches, by all minds that think, and by all hearts that worship. This it is that men now laugh at; this they visit with outrage; this they would now, under pretense of making progress, take away from France.

If such a movement were to be successful, if there were no cure for religious fanaticism save in the fanaticism of impiety, then France would be without hope. Or, rather, then God, to save us whilst taking vengeance, would send amongst us not victors now, but conquerors; and, if Europe were too corrupt to yield conquerors, God would require them of the barbarians. "And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valley, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes." (Is., vii., 18, 19).

No, France must be saved by the French Whether Protestants or Catholics, we are first of all Christians; and let us unite to preach to our fellow citizens that God of whom we may all say alike: "He is my father's God, and I will exalt him." (Exod., xv., 2). Let us erect as his first altar the hearthstones of our homes. At that altar, at least, we can all pray together. Let us restore that misunderstood priesthood without which other priesthoods will be ever powerless—the priesthood of the husband and father. I said four years ago, at Notre Dame, and I repeat now: Our country will be regenerated when each father of a family understands that upon himself devolves the moral and religious government of his house, and that, if he would exercise this authority worthily and efficiently, he must himself believe and practise the lessons he has to teach.

With the family, all society will become Christian. The fundamental law in the law of labor, and for the immense majority manual labor—in the country, agriculture; in workshops and factories, industrial employment; in shops and stores, business. Well, when the name of God resounds through the haunts of men not in blasphemy any more, but in benediction; when the interest that engages the hearts and sets in motion the arms of men shall no longer be that of selfishness, lust, or hate, but that of the Christian family, then the organization of labor and the peace of the world shall be accomplished. The workman will then call to mind Him who, for thirty years, worked in that shop at Nazareth; he will call to mind the great Paul, who, in his toil as a tradesman, founded the means of maintaining his freedom as an apostle; and, as he looks on his hands, hardened with work, and sees his children happy around him, he, too, may enjoy those words at once of humility and self-reliance: "I have coveted no man's silver or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered unto my necessities and to them that were with me." (Acts, xx., 33, 34.)

Then will the laws be no longer implements of war, but instruments of justice; they will no longer come down out of the region of storms to arouse fresh tempests on the troubled sea of human life. Authority will then command by respecting itself and by respecting others, and freedom will obey with dignity. Hierarchy will prevail everywhere, and oppression shall nowhere be seen.

No, I cannot believe that we shall thus go on presenting so painful a spectacle to God and to history; goodness existing only in the individual, and appearing like a drop of water, and evil in organized shape like an ocean. Sin has no place amongst the laws of our nature, nor will its reign be everlasting. There is one thing on Calvary so astounding a redemption, and there will thence sooner or later flow down a grace so mighty as will lift up all things, both individual souls and nations of men; and the human race, which commenced with Adam in Eden, will end with Christ in the Millennium. This I believe with all my soul. The early Christians fell into apparent error as to the time, and also, perhaps, as to the form; but in the main they judged aright. The future will see the final triumph of truth and justice, the organization of a perfect church and of a perfect society, and will in the Kingdom of God and of His Christ witness the fulfillment of the prayer which we utter here to-night:

"May the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen! Amen! Amen!"

ABIIT AD MAJORES.

In the vast presence of the awful hosts
Of the immmerated dead Napoleon stands;
Shrinking to find amid the swarming ghosts
Those whose untimely death sullies his hands.

Silent and shuddering he is forced to brook
Sad Maximilian's gaze, and faltering fears
To frame an answer to the eager look
That asks of crazed Carlotta's widowed years.

And Cavaignac, with cold and scornful eyes,
Bids him behold the pale and threatning throng
Whose blood the Paris pavements crimson dyed.
When they dared speak against December's wrong.

But through the sullen throng with stately tread
Comes Manin's shade, and mercifully lays
His hand upon the bowed imperial head,
And calmly crowns it with the hero's bays;

And cries, "Your wrongs are great; ye are his foes,
And pity justly from your hearts is driven,
Yet this is he to whom Italia owes
Her life. For her sake let him be forgiven."
—*Galaxy.*

An Experiment that Failed.

I am not sure whether I did right or wrong. I am sure that I meant right. It was on this wise. Believing implicitly that the bending of little human twigs should be accomplished during the early stages of their growth, I concluded to commence on Vieve. My intention was to give her a lesson in firmness. Accordingly I filled a box with chestnuts, and placed it within her reach, saying, "Now, Vieve, dear, you must not touch them without my permission.

"Well, den, I dess I'll not," was the reply, while the brown-eyed three-year-old gazed wistfully toward the sweet temptation. I gave her six or eight.

"In my dear 'ittle potit, fank 'oo!"

I went to my work, and labored with all the cheerfulness of an inventor who is pretty sure his machine is a success.

During the afternoon it occurred to my mind that those eight nuts were lasting a remarkable time. Assuming my blandest tone for the occasion, I asked—

"Vieve, have you eaten all your chestnuts?"

"No, I fink not."

"Come here, darling. Where do you get so many?"

"Oh, I dets 'em out o' my potit."

"Well, but here are more than I gave you at first," I said, as I examined the dainty receptacle. "O Vieve! have you been disobeying me, and getting more out of the box?"

"I 'spects p'raps I have."

"But are you sure?"

"Yes, I's pitty sure."

"O, dear Vieve," I cried, with the feelings of one who discovers his invention to be a failure, "this makes poor mamma feel so sad. I do not like to punish you, but what must I do? I must have my little girl to obey me. Oh! what shall I do?"

The small sinner looked reflective.

"Well, mamma," she presently said, in solemn tones, "I dess 'oo had better pray."

Believing her suggestion a wise one, embodying about all the wisdom of the entire affair, I acted upon it. Returning to my occupation after our session had adjourned, the first thing that caught my attention was a scrap of old newspaper, containing this sentence:

"He who through intention or neglect throws before another a temptation, is, if he be overcome, equally guilty."

I put away the box of chestnuts, and am waiting further light.—*National Baptist.*

Explanation of the French Gayety.

The poorest class in the United States is well-to-do compared with the poorest in France, yet it is not as well fed nor as happy. There is a general cheerfulness in this people, which strikes the foreigner as soon as he enters the country. Race and climate have doubtless something to do with it, but hygienic nourishment and a sound stomach much more. In presence of this fact, one cannot help regretting the waste of time and energy of reformers and philanthropists who, to bring about man's amelioration with us, are always addressing themselves to his head, to the neglect of his stomach. It is an elementary law governing the human system, that the brain and the stomach are two neighbors who cannot afford to be at enmity any length of time without mutual deterioration or destruction, and that an improvement in the condition of one implies an improvement in the other. Naturally, this A B C knowledge is familiar to most people, but it does not yet receive the consideration which its importance demands. The foundation of the Frenchman's happiness is laid in the best bread in the world, both in taste and nutriment, the most nourishing wine, and the best cooking,—save in roast beef, in the preparation of which, as well as in carving, the English enjoy a superiority. Besides the quality of the Frenchman's food, there is a healthful feature in the usually well-ventilated apartments in which it is eaten, and another in the jocularity and leisure attending the repast. Sloppy coffee and hot biscuits are not conducive to gayety; ice-cold water and thin soup peppered to the burning-point are not joke-inspiring; and a potpourri of water-reaking vegetables is not productive of a humor to set the table in a roar. These, in a word,—to say nothing of those enemies of the American table, heat and haste,—are joy-killers, with sequent dyspepsia.—*Galaxy.*

GRAIN-NSPECTION.

Views of the Board of Trade Thereon.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: There seems to be a misunderstanding as to the wishes of the Board of Trade regarding changes in that portion of the Warehouse and Railroad law that relates to the inspection of grain. May I ask space in your columns to state what I understand to be the views of the members of the Board? It could hardly be expected that there would be unity of thought and feeling in a body comprised of nearly 1,400 members. All are, however, agreed upon the necessity of a repeal or change in the present law,—a fact you may well understand when informed that, under the law, the Inspector is obliged to classify grain and give it such grades as, in many cases, prevent the owner or his agent from selling it for its value, or at a price that buyers would gladly pay for the property if they could obtain it in the condition in which it arrives here. Nearly all (I know of no exception) think it was an unwarranted act to take from the owners or their agents their natural right to arrange and classify their property, and in such manner as they desire, for the purpose of selling and realizing the most for it. They do not believe the State has any moral right to establish a *compulsory* inspection of any kind of property that does not belong to, or that is not bought by, the State, and much of which does not belong to the citizens of the State. And they insist that the people of Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Minnesota, who wish to ship grain to this market, should have the privilege, not only to elect to whom they will consign this grain, but also to whom they will delegate the power to inspect or classify it. They say, as did the National Board of Trade at its session in St. Louis in 1871, that "All *State inspection is unnecessary and oppressive to the mercantile interests of the State.*"

Milwaukee on the one hand, St. Louis on the other, and Toledo between us and the seaboard, have each the control of their own inspection, and can change their rules and grades so as to influence to their markets grain that seeks ours, and would come here if our grades were satisfactory. We conduct the inspection of flour, pork, and provisions; and why not that of grain?

Although the Constitution requires the Legislature to enact laws for the inspection of grain, we believe it was not the intent of the framers of the Constitution that the State should assume the business of and appropriate the fees for inspection. Holding these views, it is not strange that some of the members of the Board of Trade should think the association ought to ask for the repeal of the law,—a law which, all admit, does, in its practical workings, prove damaging to the farmer and the country buyer, and detrimental to the interests of the chief city of the State. The majority of the members, however, do not think it would be policy for the Board of Trade to ask to conduct the inspection of grain, and they seek only amendments in the law, that will overcome certain of its defects and imperfections. These include not only the members of the Board of Directors, but the majority of the members of the association, and embrace those who receive from the farmer and the country buyer, as well as those who buy for the Eastern dealer, the grain that is marketed in Chicago. They realize the difficulty of satisfying all parties in inspection; and they know that, however justly an Inspector may discharge his duties, there will be charges of incompetency and of fraud; and, if the State controls the business, these charges cannot be urged against our association,—the State must bear the blame and censure. The business has been, and always will be, a source of anxiety and annoyance, and, if the State will relieve the Board of the responsibility and of the odium inseparable from the business, the association will be only too glad of the relief. These members, however, feel that they ought to insist that the inspection should be properly performed, and in such a manner that it will *not force* farmers and country dealers to seek another market for their produce.

In order to enable parties having grain for sale in this market to obtain its full value, the existing law must be changed so as to allow *next grades* of grain to be established *whenever* the trade demands a quality of grain not provided for by the present statute. The Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners should be empowered to make these changes in grades when the interest of the farmer and country shipper demand them. The Board of Commissioners should also have authority, and be required, to appoint a Committee of Appeal to decide upon matters of dispute arising between the Inspector and owner or agents of owner of such property; the Committee to have the power to reverse the decision of the Inspector, and to change the inspection if the grain is incorrectly graded. The protection of the Inspector against unjust charges and claims, as well as the rights of the owner or consignee of property, require that there should be such Committee of Appeals. With these modifications in the law, the inspection of grain in Chicago ought to be made satisfactory to all, and will be if the Committee and the Inspectors appointed are men of experience in the business, and are of well-known ability and integrity.

C. E. C.

Bills Before the General Assembly.

A BILL for an act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate public warehouses and the warehousing and inspection of grain, and to give effect to Article 13 of the Constitution of the State," approved April 25, 1871, in force July 1, 1871, and to establish a Committee of Appeal, and prescribe their duties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners shall establish a proper number and standard of grades for the inspection of grain, and may alter or change the same from time to time: *Provided,* No modification or change of grades shall be made, or any new ones established, without public notice being given of such contemplated change, for at least twenty days prior thereto, by publication in three daily newspapers printed in said county: *And provided, further,* That no mixture of old and new grades, even though designated by the same name or distinction, shall be permitted while in store.

SEC. 2. Within —— days after this act takes effect, the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners shall appoint three discreet and competent persons to act as a Committee of Appeals, in every city wherein is located a warehouse of Class A, who shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are appointed: *Provided,* Said Commissioners shall have power, in their discretion, to remove from office any member of said Committee at any time, and fill vacancies thus created by the appointment of other discreet persons.

SEC. 3. In all matters involving doubt on the part of the Chief Inspector, or any Assistant Inspector, as to the proper inspection of any lot of grain, or in case any owner, consignee, or shipper of grain, or any warehouse-manager, shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the Chief Inspector, or any Assistant Inspector, an appeal may be made to said Committee of Appeal, and the decision of a majority of said Committee shall be final. Said Board of Commissioners are authorized to make all necessary rules governing the manner of appeals, as herein provided. And all complaints in regard to the inspection of grain, and all notices requiring the services of the Committee of Appeal, shall be filed with the Warehouse Registrar of said city, who shall immediately notify said Committee of the fact, and who shall furnish said Committee with such clerical assistance as may be necessary for the proper discharge of their duties. It shall be the duty of said Committee, on receiving such notice from the Warehouse Registrar, to immediately act on and render a decision in each case.

SEC. 4. For every case decided by said Committee of Appeal, they shall be entitled to such fees as is allowed by law to arbitrators; to be paid, together with all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act, out of the funds collected for the inspection service, on the order of the Commissioners.

SEC. 5. No grain shall be delivered from store from any warehouse of Class A, for which or representing which warehouse receipts shall have been issued, except upon the return of such receipts, stamped or otherwise plainly marked by the Warehouse Registrar with the words, "Registered for cancellation," and the date thereof.

SEC. 6. Sec. 13 of the act to which this is an amendment is hereby repealed: *Provided,* The provisions contained in said section shall remain in force until the grades for the inspection of grain shall have been established by the Commissioners, as provided in Sec 1 of this act.

A BILL for an act to amend the statutes in regard to the inspection, registration, and warehousing of grain, and the superintendence thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That Sec. 4 of "An act to establish a Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and prescribe their powers and duties," approved April 18, 1871, in force July 1, 1871, be so amended as to read as follows, to-wit:

"SEC. 4. Each Commissioner shall receive for his services a sum not exceeding $3,500 per annum, payable quarterly. They shall be furnished with an office, office furniture, and stationery, at the expense of the State; and the Secretary of State is hereby directed to order the State Printer to print such circulars and blanks as the Commissioners may order, and as further provided in "An act to provide for and regulate the execution of public printing," approved April 9, 1871, in force July 1, 1871. The Commissioners shall have power to appoint a Secretary, to perform such duties as they shall assign to him, and he may receive as a salary from the State Treasury a sum not exceeding $2,500 per annum, payable quarterly. The office of said Commissioners shall be kept in connection with the office of the Chief Inspector of Grain and the Warehouse Registrar, at Chicago, —the leasing, furnishing, and keeping of which three offices the Commissioners shall provide for and control. The sums authorized to be paid by this act shall be paid out of the State Treasury, and only on the order of the Governor: *Provided,* That the sum to be paid from the State Treasury for the incidental expenses of the office of the Commissioners shall in no case exceed the sum of $1,500 per annum."

SEC. 4. Section 13 of the last-mentioned act ("To regulate public warehouses," &c., approved April 25, 1871) shall be so amended as to read as follows, to wit: . . . . . "The Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, whenever, in their opinion, a contingency shall arise requiring the same to be done for the sake of the general good, shall have power to add to the number of grades of grain herein established, or to modify the characteristics as to quality and condition of the grades so established: *Provided,* That at no time shall the number of grades of grain be less than herein established, and at all times the grades shall be clearly distinguished from each other: *And provided, further,* That no modification or change of grades shall be made without public and explicit notice being given of such contemplated change for at least twenty days prior thereto; *And provided, further,* That no mixture of old and new grain shall be permitted in store. All complaints or questions involving doubt regarding the inspection of any lot of grain already inspected shall be submitted in writing to the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and referred by them immediately to a committee of competent judges of the qualities and conditions of grain, to be styled a 'Committee of Appeals,' to be appointed by the said Commission, and to be governed by rules and regulations adopted by the said Commission. The decision of the said Committee of Appeals in all matters referred to them by the said Commission shall be final."

SEC. 5. Section 14 of the last-mentioned act shall be so amended as to read as follows:

"The Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners shall appoint a suitable person as Chief Inspector of Grain for every city in which is located any warehouse of Class A, and also all necessary Assistant Inspectors of Grain and such necessary employes of the service. They shall also appoint a suitable person as Warehouse Registrar for each such city, and such Assistants as may in their judgment be necessary to perform the duties imposed by law upon such Warehouse Registrar, or as may be further required of him by said Commissioners, and incident to a thorough performance of duty, according to the true intent and meaning of the law of this State in regard to said office of Warehouse Registrar. No person shall be appointed to any office or place by said Commissioners who is in any way, directly or indirectly, connected with or employed by any warehouse proprietor or railroad or other transportation company, or who is in any way interested in dealing in grain. Said Commissioners shall prescribe the respective duties of all their appointees, shall fix the amount of their compensation, and prescribe the time and manner of its payment. All appointments made by said Commissioners shall be revocable at their pleasure. Said Board of Commissioners shall have power to fix the rates of charges for the inspection of grain, both into and out of warehouse,—which charges shall be a lien upon all grain so inspected, and may be collected of the owners, receivers, or shippers of such grain, in such manner as the said Commissioners may prescribe. Said charges shall be regulated in such manner as will, in the judgment of the Commissioners, produce as near as may be sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of the inspection service and no more. All necessary expenses incident to the inspection of grain, and to the office of the Registrar, economically administered, and such additional expenses in the office of the Commissioners as shall be made necessary by the provisions of this act, including one-half of their office rent, furniture, and care, shall be deemed expenses of the inspection service, and shall be paid from the funds collected for the same. The Chief Inspector shall, upon entering upon the duties of his office, be required to take an oath as in other cases of officers, and he shall execute a bond to the people of the State of Illinois, in the penal sum of $50,000, with sureties to be approved by the said Board of Commissioners, with a condition therein that he will faithfully and strictly discharge the duties of his said office of Inspector, according to law and the rules and regulations prescribing those duties, and that he will pay all damages to any person or persons who may be injured by reason of his neglect, refusal, or failure to comply with law and the rules and regulations aforesaid. And each Assistant Inspector shall take a like oath, and execute a bond in the penal sum of $5,000, with like conditions and to be approved in like manner as is provided by the Chief Inspector,—which said several bonds shall be filed in the office of said Commissioners, and suit may be brought upon said bond or bonds in any court having jurisdiction thereof, for the use of the person or persons injured. The said Commissioners shall establish all proper and necessary rules and regulations for the government of their appointees, and may alter or modify them as necessity and experience shall render proper. Upon complaint, in writing, to the said Board of Commissioners, supported by reasonable and satisfactory proof, that any person appointed or employed by them under the provisions of this act, has violated any of the rules prescribed for his government, has been guilty of any improper official act, or has been found inefficient or incompetent for the duties of his position, such person shall be immediately removed from his office or employment by said Commissioners."

SEC. 6. Section 19 of the act last above mentioned shall be so amended as to read as follows:

"SEC. 19. It shall be lawful for the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners to station one or more of the Assistant Inspectors appointed under Section 14 of this act, at any public warehouse of Class B, who shall inspect all grain into and out of such warehouse, according to the standards prescribed by or under the provisions of this act, and who shall be further governed by such rules as the said Commissioners may prescribe. The proprietor, lessee, or manager of any public warehouse of Class B, shall be required to procure a license, as further provided for warehouses of Class A, in Section 3 of this act. The proprietor, lessee, or manager of any public warehouse of Class A or B shall, before procuring a license as required in Section 3 of this act, file in the office of said Commissioners a copy of the application for a license therein required."

NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Fast days: Massachusetts, April 3; New Hampshire, April 10; Vermont, April 11.

—At Williamstown, Va., the snow-fall, last winter, was over ten feet.

—Gardner, Mass., has now fifteen chair manufactories, and employs over 2,000 operatives.

—Augustana College, now located at Paxton, Ill., will probably be removed to Rock Island. The institution has a library of about 18,000 volumes, and other property valued at $40,000.

—The Catholics have purchased the old homestead of the late Gen. John A. Granger, at Canandaigua, N. Y., and design erecting thereon an elegant cathedral, school-house, and parsonage.

—The recent failure of extensive cattle-dealers in Circleville, O., —William Cochran, Nathan Cochran, and the Messrs. Purcels,—for about $825,000, "stuck" the Chillicothe banks to the amount of $440,000, and is said to have "scorched" several Columbus men.

—The entire Sophmore class were suspended from Dartmouth College, Thursday week, for disorderly conduct in the chapel, whereupon the members of the class hired a big team and took a sleigh-ride, evidently regarding the affair as a good joke.

—The colored statesmen of the Arkansas Legislature gave a festive hop at Little Rock the other night, to which only the elite were invited. Of course the "common white trash" were blackballed.

—It is stated that a gentleman of this city recently sent a check for $100,000 to the Trustees of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, for the endowment of that institution, but its acceptance was declined on account of the objectionable conditions accompanying the gift.—*Boston Advertiser.*

—Mrs. Fisher, of St. Louis, has a babe which is six months old, and weighs 100 pounds. A paper in that city informs us that the maternal Fisher has "rigged up a steam speaker capable of sixty taps a minute, of thirty pounds to the square inch, and sings him to sleep through a fireman's trumpet."

—A Montreal husband who married a Montreal widow has brought discredit on his proud sex by letting his feelings run away with him. Exasperated by a continuous recital of his predecessor's virtues, he rushed to the cemetery and vented his feelings by smashing No. 1's monument, being himself afterwards subjected to a course of scratches, from which he is slowly recovering.

—The Eldora (Iowa) *Ledger* says the wife of the Hon. W. S. Rice, of Marshalltown,—a middle-aged lady in the bloom of life,—while eating dinner, was frightened by having a piece of meat lodge in her throat. Without consideration, she thrust it out of sight with the handle of a fork; got a smooth stick, and forced the obstacle down to the stomach. Next day convulsions of the throat ensued, and she died in great agony.

—The case of John Magwire vs. Mrs. Tyler and others, which has been in the courts 27 years, was decided by the United States Supreme Court yesterday in favor of the plaintiff, and a mandate was issued to the United States Marshal of Missouri to place him in possession. The representative of the Tyler estate telegraphed to Washington to procure a rehearing of the case. The property which has been such a time in litigation is valued at $300,000 or $400,000, and lies near the site of the Big Mound.—*St. Louis Republican.*

—Public opinion is undergoing a change in regard to the punishment of crime. Convictions for murder in the first degree, when the evidence warrants such a finding, are becoming more frequent; and if justice were allowed to take its course, without the intervention of appeals and new trials on technical grounds, there would be less killing, in the belief that the crime is to go unpunished. Two men have recently been hung in the State, three more are under sentence, and a sixth, having been found guilty, awaits sentence.—*San Francisco Call.*

—Suit has been brought in the Circuit Court of this county against Mrs. Stickley, Almira Stickley, and the man George, in favor of Byron Wright, for damages resulting from the Cedar City shooting affair. The amount claimed is $15,000, and an attachment has been issued against the property of the defendants. We also understand that George's father has arrived from Germany to look after the interests of his son. He is represented to be quite a wealthy and respected merchant at home.—*Waterloo (Iowa) Reporter.*

—How a great business can decay is exemplified in the case of Nantucket, Mass. Thirty years ago the island sent nearly a hundred whalers —fine, large ships—into the Pacific Ocean. Now the "R. L. Barstow"—the last vessel in the whaling business bearing the name of Nantucket on her stern—has been sold at Callao. Meanwhile, the ancient town has subsided into a sort of half watering-place—a very odd and pleasant one for people who like quiet, and who would taste their sea-air without the dissipations and the unsalutary gayeties of more popular resorts.

—There is no Bible in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Last Friday week, Representative Smith, in the course of a speech had occasion to refer to a passage of Scripture, and, that it might be clear to members unfamiliar with the work that he was not garbling or misquoting, he requested that the Clerk might read the passage. The Clerk bustled about, but could find no Bible. The desks and shelves were rummaged in vain. Pages were sent in every direction, and finally one of them returned with a borrowed Bible, and the passage was read.

—A case of attempted murder of unusual atrocity has just been tried in France. A young man named Sevin was accused of having, last Christmas day, shot and then attempted to beat out the brains of his father, until the poor man was supposed to be dead. The wretched man confessed the crime at his trial, and acknowledged that his motive was to make himself the only son of a widow, so as to be, under the conscription law, exempt from military duty. The jury pronounced him guilty, without extenuating circumstances, and he was condemned to death. His father was the principal witness against him, and could only say in apology for the deed, that the young man was "a little weak-headed."

—Looking over the last-received Price Current of breadstuffs, we find that American flour was selling on the 1st of March,

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The Chicago Tribune.

Monday Morning, March 24, 1873.

Casey has been confirmed again as Collector of Customs for New Orleans. The Senate debated the nomination several hours.

New York City owes a gas bill of nearly a million dollars, and the authorities have been told that, if it is not paid forthwith, the Gas Company will cease to supply the streets and public buildings.

Commodore Vanderbilt gave half a million dollars, a few days ago, for the endowment of a Southern university, and now follows this liberal charity with half a million dollars for the erection of a female seminary on Staten Island, to be managed on the plan of the seminary at New Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania.

Slavery in Porto Rico has been abolished by the unanimous vote of the Spanish Republic. This emancipation is immediate, and the freedmen are invested with all the political rights of other Spanish citizens. One of the clauses in the act of emancipation gives a plain hint to Cuba, in the statement that the Republic means to keep the Spanish Dominion intact.

The Farmers' Club of LaSalle County, which has a membership of 300, held a meeting at Earlville on Saturday. Resolutions were passed censuring the Congressmen who were concerned in the salary steal, and calling for the immediate and total abolition of the taxes on the materials of railroad and ship-building. Absolute free trade in these articles was claimed to be indispensable to enable the railroads to reduce their charges. Similar meetings have been held at Sugar Grove and Elgin.

The superior address of Italian diplomacy has won from the Japanese Government a favor which has been denied to other foreigners. Italians are to be permitted to live and travel in Japan without any other restriction than compliance with the usual municipal regulations. This is a privilege which Japanese exclusiveness has withheld from the Dutch, who have traded with the island for centuries, and has not granted even to Americans, although we have sent them several of our officials to teach them the mysteries of American law, finance, and political science generally.

If the Judicial Apportionment bill, which awaits the Governor's signature, were to become law in its present shape, it is said that all the State outside of Cook County would be left without a judiciary for the next three months, and all pending litigation would be thrown out of court. This singular defect is due to the wording of the repealing clause, and can only be remedied by a supplementary bill which shall continue the powers of the existing courts until the time comes for the election of the new circuits. Such a bill is being prepared, and Springfield dispatches state that Gov. Beveridge will withhold his signature from the former bill as long as possible that the two may become law together.

There was a newspaper started in this city about a year ago, which was to give tone to the journalism of this dying world by avoiding personalities. It commenced by being exceedingly and offensively personal toward some of the most cherished friends of the proprietor, and is now been sued for libel, in an action where mages are claimed to the amount of $500,000. at the merits of the action may be we do not w. We judge, however, that the plaintiff not be able to recover more than one-half amount claimed. But it is certainly a remarkable that a newspaper which was ded to give elevation and tone to the pro- should have so soon given rise to a uit of this magnitude, seeing that the complained of related only to the family f a citizen, and was of no public concern st.

...icago produce markets were less active ...ey, and most of them at lower prices. ...was dull and 20c lower, closing at ...or seller April, and $14.90@14.95 Lard was dull and 2½c per 100 lbs ...82½@7.85 cash, and $8.02½ seller ...were dull and unchanged at 5½c ...7½@7½c for short ribs, 7¾c for ...nd 10@12c for sweet pickled hams. ...re quiet and steady at 86½c per ...freights were quiet and ½c higher, ...e to Buffalo. Flour was quiet and ...et was in moderate demand and a ...closing at $1.19½@1.20¼ cash, $1.20¼ seller April, and $1.24¼ seller May. Corn was dull and ¼c lower, closing at 31½@ 33¼c cash, and 35½c seller May. Oats were dull and ¼@¾c lower, closing at 26@26⅜c cash and 29¼@29¾c seller May. Rye was quiet and steady at 64@65½c. Barley was excited and 2@ 4c higher, closing at 76c seller the month or seller April, and 80c for car lots where wanted. Live hogs were active and firm at $4.75@5.20. The cattle and sheep markets were quiet and unchanged.

A petition that the Grand Jury system be abolished in this State was referred, by the Senate of Illinois, to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Cusey, and Warren, and this Committee has unanimously reported a bill to abolish Grand Juries. They object to the secret inquisition, whereby any one may be accused, indicted, arrested, and injured in loss of liberty and character upon the most unfounded pretense. They contend that no one should ever be held for trial on an *ex-parte* examination, and that every man accused is entitled to have both sides of the case heard before he is deprived even temporarily of his liberty. They hold that Grand Juries delay and defeat justice; that they prevent the speedy and certain administration of justice, which can alone deter and properly punish crime. They recommend in their bill that all persons accused of crime, instead of being committed to await the action of a Grand Jury, as now, shall be examined by a Judge of a court of record, or by three Justices of the Peace, who shall hear all the evidence, and who may discharge or commit the prisoner for trial. The Legislature has, as yet, taken no action on the bill.

The bill making an appropriation for the new dam on the Illinois River will probably become a law, and its effect will be most beneficial. The dam already constructed at Henry gives a sufficient depth of water at all seasons, from that point to LaSalle, for steamboat navigation. Between Henry and Peoria, there are no bars now that give any trouble to navigation. Between Peoria and Copperas Creek, there are several bars which forbid navigation during a great portion of the year; at some periods the water on these bars is as low as 20 inches, but the construction of the dam at Copperas Creek will put these all under seven feet of water at all seasons. When the dam is constructed, there will be perfect navigation from Chicago to LaSalle by canal, and from LaSalle to Havana by river. It will be a practical extension of the canal to Havana. Below that point the obstructions to navigation are few and unimportant, and from Chicago to St. Louis there will be, by river and canal, continuous navigation from April to December. The dam already constructed at Henry is a model of engineering skill and of masonry. No public work was ever executed more creditably, expeditiously, and faithfully. Not a dollar was stolen or wasted.

It is undoubtedly a suggestion in the interests of the peace and good order of the community which the Board of Police Commissioners have made in recommending the Common Council to pass an ordinance closing the saloons at 11 o'clock at night, or thereabouts, not to be reopened until 5 or 6 o'clock the next morning. The time of closing might be reasonably extended, perhaps, to midnight. It is proper and desirable, however, that all the saloons should be shut up after that hour. There will be no objection to such an ordinance from the more decent drinking resorts. On the other hand, the all-night or "break-o'-day houses" are the principal resorts for the rowdies, roughs, low gamblers, vagrants, and thieves of every description. The largest proportion of the crimes of violence are either committed in these dives or trace their origin back to them. It should be one of the rules of the police system that keeping open after midnight is *prima facie* evidence of the disreputable character of a public saloon. This rule would reach the Italian shops that are so numerous on Clark, State, West Madison, and other prominent thoroughfares in the city, and which are among the worst of the class of public houses that rank as disreputable. The suggestion of the Board of Police is worthy of prompt and favorable action on the part of the Common Council.

The Memphis *Avalanche* of the 19th inst. mentions that a suit has been commenced in the Haywood Circuit Court against the Memphis & Louisville Railroad Company by Messrs. Austin & Thomas, Henry Taylor, and others, merchants of Brownsville, to recover $300,000 alleged to have been extorted from them by this Railroad Company, in discriminations on freight, principally cotton, shipped over the road by them during the past four or five years. The plaintiffs in the case propose to make a thorough test of the question whether the railroads have any right to discriminate in their tariff of rates against local shippers in favor of through shippers. The case has created a great deal of excitement in Tennessee, where the people have long been groaning under the burdensome discriminations imposed upon them by the railroads. This is the first case which has been brought before the courts of the State, and, as all the parties to the suit are possessed of ample means, and are determined to make a test case, unusual interest attaches to it. There will also be a very general feeling of interest in the case throughout the West, as it is only part and parcel of the great movement of the people, farmers and merchants, to protect themselves against the unjust exactions of large and wealthy corporations. By a rather strange coincidence, the people of England are agitating the same matter, and a bill is now pending in Parliament which is calculated to protect merchants, by the appointment of a Board of Railway Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to enforce the laws against discriminations, and also by a provision which compels the railroads to adopt a schedule of uniform rates and adhere to them a certain length of time.

The appointment of the former United States Marshal Sharpe, of New York City, as Naval Officer of that port, has created considerable excitement and discussion. According to the Civil Service rules, when Mr. A. B. Cornell, the head of the department, resigned, the next in command, Mr. James L. Benedict, should have taken his place. At first Mr. Benedict was nominated, but for some reason was subsequently ordered to give place to Marshal Sharpe. Pending the confirmation of the latter, this flagrant transgression of the Civil Service rules created such marked comment in the independent press that a Board was appointed, consisting of George William Curtis, Chester A. Arthur, and Jackson S. Schultz, to select a proper man for the place. Whether the Board ever held a meeting does not appear, but Marshal Sharpe was designated, and was thereupon confirmed. It is certain that Mr Curtis was not consulted at all in the matter, from a letter which appears in the New York *Tribune*, evidently inspired by Mr. Curtis, if not written by himself. The writer says: "I beg to assure you that such Committee has never, to the knowledge of Mr. Curtis, taken any action in the premises whatsoever. If the other members have acted, they have done so without consulting him—who has been on a sick bed for a month past—and against a specific promise of one of them. If Marshal Sharpe has been appointed Naval Officer not only in violation of the Civil Service rules, but without reference to the Special Committee charged with the duty of designating a proper man for the place, be assured that it is without Mr. Curtis' knowledge or consent. Men do not willingly consent to be thus publicly—shall I say snubbed? or would a stronger word be more appropriate?" It is inferred from this that Mr. Curtis, as a Civil Service Reformer, will resign.

RAILROAD DISCRIMINATIONS.

The railroad corporations of Illinois are making a very serious and costly mistake if they misconstrue the meaning of the Supreme Court decision on the subject of discriminations, or if they disregard the sentiment of the farmers, as declared in their meetings and conventions throughout the State. The decision of the Supreme Court is not in the interests of the railroads, as some of the farmers' clubs have been led to believe. It is a decision that there must be no unjust discrimination in railroad rates; that competition alone will not justify discrimination; and that location at a junction point shall carry with it no special advantages over an equal or better location which does not happen to be favored with competing roads. This is a decision based upon the principles of common law, and the railroads will find that there is no escape from it. They must conform to it, and speedily. The complaint is well grounded that there is unjust discrimination on every important railroad of the State. It is not the single case of Lexington and Bloomington (which was made the test of the constitutionality of the statute), but unjust discrimination on all the lines, which the Supreme Court declares to be illegal, and which only need to come before it in the proper shape to be duly punished and obliterated. The proper mode of procedure has been provided in the Donahue Railroad bill, which recently passed the Senate by a unanimous vote. This is a statute which embodies the principles of the common law, provides penalties that will stand the constitutional test, and furnishes the means of enforcing them at the public expense. The penalty provided for a repeated violation of the law is $100,000, and it becomes the duty of the Railroad Commissioners to bring suit upon the application of any citizen, and to employ all the legal assistance that may be necessary to prosecute successfully—the costs to be paid out of the State Treasury, paid out of taxes levied upon the railroads themselves.

This bill is the result of the popular sentiment, outraged at the position which the railroads have assumed in respect of discriminations, and determined to assert the rights of the people. The railroads cannot be ignorant of the growth of public indignation against them, and it would be as foolhardy on their part to ignore it as it is wrong for them to continue their unjust discriminations in plain violation of the law. The conviction of injury and the determination to secure their rights, and perhaps in some cases to exceed them, has taken a firm hold on the people throughout the whole West. Central Illinois is nearly a unit in the purpose of fighting the railroads to the bitter end. The fever has extended into Iowa and Indiana. Wisconsin and Minnesota will catch it by and by. The same spirit is cropping out in Kentucky and Tennessee, and it will extend South simultaneously with the movement to the Northwest. Even the giant corporations of the East are discovering that they are not all-powerful. The Pennsylvania Company have just had a significant set-back in New Jersey. Their money had secured the passage of a bill through the Senate perpetuating for their benefit the monopoly of the right of way across the State. But the Lower House has defeated the measure amid the vociferous rejoicings of the people, and it is now confidently predicted that a general railroad law will be passed by the Legislature which will grant equal privileges to all the railroad companies which are necessary to accommodate the public demands. These events are not isolated and spasmodic, but the concerted action of a whole people, roused to vigorous resistance, gathering strength and reinforcement as they go, and preparing to overwhelm the weak and strong alike with the force and impetuosity of a tornado. The railroads must look upon them as the handwriting on the wall. If the railroad directors, managers, and officers of the roads will not heed them, then it is time that the stockholders should take the matter into their own hands to save themselves and their property. There are demagogues in the movement who will not hesitate to counsel the most extreme measures. If these were to be met alone, the situation would not be so alarming for the railroads. But, in this case, the demagogues are simply taking advantage of a deep-rooted conviction on the part of the people that they have been swindled; and they will, on this account, be the more easily led into desperate acts, even though they be detrimental to themselves, unless the railroads have the discretion to conform to the law.

The immediate issue in this State is unjust discrimination. There is no doubt that it exists. There is no doubt that it must be stopped. In this plain view of the case, the railroads should be shrewd enough, if not honest enough, to provide the remedy themselves. What this remedy shall be it is not for us, nor the Legislature, nor for the courts, nor for the people in town-meetings, to determine. It is a matter upon which railroad men must concentrate their undivided attention and experience. It is enough for the courts to declare, as they have, that unjust discrimination is unlawful; for the Legislature to provide, as they will, the adequate penalties for violating the law in this respect; for the people to prove, as they can, that this unjust discrimination is practised by the railroads. It is for the railroad corporations to learn how they can manage their business so as to avoid the abuse. Other people are not allowed to conduct business in violation of the law. Nor do the courts and the Legislature stop to inform them how they shall conduct it otherwise. All that is necessary is to say that their manner of doing business is unlawful, and they are then required to stop it or to suffer the penalty. This is the position in which the railroads stand now. They are openly, defiantly, and persistently violating the law, which says that there shall be no discriminations on the mere ground of competition. The people know it, and are determined that it shall be stopped. It is now a question for the railroads to decide,—whether they will abandon the unlawful practice voluntarily, or wait until the people put a stop to it in a way they will not relish.

GRAIN-INSPECTION.

Two bills are now pending in the Legislature having the same general object in view, to render the grading of grain in Chicago more flexible. At present there is an arbitrary statutory standard, which admits of no modification or adaptation to the varying circumstances of the crops, or the general character of the grain production. We print these bills in to-day's TRIBUNE. The first of these, the bill of Mr. Johnston, proposes to amend the existing Warehouse law by requiring the Commissioners to keep an office in Chicago,—a very excellent and much-needed provision. It further provides that the Commissioners shall have power to increase the number of grades of grain, or to change the existing grades, first giving notice of such change. All complaints regarding the inspection of grain shall be submitted in writing to the Commissioners, who shall refer them immediately to a Committee of Appeals, to be composed of competent judges of the qualities and condition of grain; and the decision of this Committee shall be final. The same bill vests the appointment of the Chief and Assistant Inspectors of Grain and Warehouse Registrar in the Commissioners, and gives them power to fix the rates of inspection.

The other bill is that of Senator Williamson, which confers upon the Commissioners the authority to establish, change, and modify the grades of grain, and to appoint a Committee of Appeals to hear complaints, and whose decision is final. Both bills propose substantially the same amendments, and both cover evils in the present system which need remedial legislation. It is probable that one or the other of them will pass; and, while neither of them comes up to the measure of relief asked for by the Board of Trade, they will, if intelligently administered by the Commissioners, be a great improvement upon the existing mode of grain-inspection.

THE LOUISIANA CONSPIRACY.

The testimony taken by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections in relation to Louisiana affairs fills a volume of 1,098 pages. An examination of this bulky and forbidding document discloses some facts not hitherto made public, or not sufficiently so to attract general attention, amounting to a pre-arranged conspiracy to count the vote of the State on Presidential Electors in favor of Grant and Wilson, whatever the actual vote might be.

Previous to the last election, parties in Louisiana were known as the Republican and the Fusion parties—the former for Grant and the latter for Greeley. Packard, United States Marshal, who had his office in the Custom-House, and Casey, brother-in-law of the President, Collector of Customs, led the Republicans, and Gov. Warmoth and his friends the Fusion party. Packard, Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, as United States Marshal, appointed 600 Deputy Marshals to superintend the elections in New Orleans, and from two to four in every parish in the State. The United States Court (Durell, Judge,) also appointed two Supervisors, nominally one from each party, to be present at each place of voting. Previous to the election, 30,000 blank forms of affidavits, to be signed by persons who were not allowed to register and to vote, were printed. The acknowledgments, or jurats, were *signed in blank* by thousands, by Judge Prescott and others, and distributed all over the State to the Republican Marshals and Supervisors. One witness, Theodore Jaques, swears that he filled out more than 1,000 of these blank affidavits from names on the poll-books of 1870, and others, not knowing whether there were any such persons or not. By the laws of Louisiana, the election returns must be canvassed and the result declared by a board of five persons, nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, of which the Governor is *ex officio* a member. The old Board, headed by Lynch, had been abolished by law, and another, with DePreit as Chairman, duly constituted. The regular returns were sent to the Governor, they were counted by this Board, and McEnery was declared elected Governor by some 10,000 majority on the 4th of December. On the 5th, an order was issued from the United States Court, (Durell, Judge,) ordering the United States Marshal to take possession of the State-House and to prevent the meeting of the regularly-elected Legislature. In the meantime, the Lynch Board, without the returns of the election from a single parish before them, from newspaper reports, from street rumors, and from a large batch of the blank affidavits above referred to, declared Kellogg elected Governor, and certain parties elected to the Senate and House of Representatives. These bodies, really appointed by the defunct Lynch Board, met in the State-House, under the protection of Federal bayonets, and proceeded to business. The order of Judge Durell being utterly "illegal and void," every act of Kellogg to this bogus Legislature is also void. Of that order, Carpenter, Logan, Alcorn, and Anthony say "It is impossible to conceive of a more irregular, illegal, and in every way inexcusable act on the part of a judge. It has not even the form of judicial process. It was not sealed, nor was it signed by the Clerk, and had no more legal effect than an order issued by any private citizen. The Federal Court had no more right to seize the State-House than to seize this [Washington] Capitol." The other members of the Committee made separate reports, but do not differ on this point. Can anyone find, in all history, a baser act of judicial tyranny? In gross injustice no order of Jeffreys' excels it. The best friends of President Grant in the Senate have pronounced upon it, and their judgment cannot be controverted. Now let us see how he and his Cabinet have made themselves responsible for it.

On the 3d of December, Attorney-General Williams sent the following order to Packard, United States Marshal:

> You are to enforce the mandates of the United States Courts, no matter by whom resisted, and Gen. Emory will furnish you with all necessary troops for that purpose.

No troops had been asked for by any of the State or Federal authorities; but, on the evening of the 5th, Capt. Jackson arrived with two batteries from Florida; that evening, Judge Durell, "at his private apartments, in his lodging-room, without application from anybody," ordered the United States Marshal, with the troops just arrived, to seize the State-House and prevent the meeting of the regularly-elected Legislature. Capt. Jackson, by the Marshal's order, took possession of the State-House between 2 and 3 o'clock on the morning of the 6th. Soldiers, under that order, with crossed bayonets, held the door of the State-House for several weeks. Can any evidence connect the Washington Government with this "illegal and in every way inexcusable act" more directly than the dates of the order of Attorney-General Williams, the usurpation of Judge Durell, the arrival of the troops from Florida, and the seizure of the State-House? It might be claimed that it was not known at Washington what kind of an order Durell would issue; but, after it was known there, and what illegal acts had been done under it, viz: on the 19th of December, Gov. McEnery telegraphed to the President begging him to suspend the recognition of either government till he and one hundred of the best citizens of Louisiana could lay all the facts of the case before him; and on the 13th, Attorney-General Williams replied:

> Your visit with a hundred citizens will prove unavailing, so far as the President is concerned. His decision is made, and will not be changed.

Of course not. He had made up his mind on the 3d to sustain Durell's decisions, however illegal they might be, and some one—was it the Secretary of War, by Grant's order?—had taken care to have two batteries on hand, brought from a distance, to execute that order. Amid all the corruptions and the stealings of the last four years, it is humiliating to connect the President and his Cabinet with the tyranny and usurpation by which a bogus Government has been imposed upon the State of Louisiana; but the best friends of the Administration have furnished the evidence of it, and we have merely transferred an abstract of it to the columns of THE TRIBUNE.

But it may be said that the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana have passed upon and confirmed all the proceedings connected with the organization of the Kellogg Government. And how was that Court organized?

The bogus Legislature, constituted under injunctions and orders of Judge Durell, pronounced by the Committee "most reprehensible, erroneous, and wholly void," abolished the Supreme Court of the State, and, by act purporting to be law, established a Supreme Court, who, of course, legalized as far as they could all the outrageous acts from which they derive their official existence.

The last few years have shown that our institutions can endure almost any strain that can be put upon them. Under the impression that, if the Administration planned, or was privy to the villainies that were to follow the orders of the Attorney-General of Dec. 3, it was due to his weakness toward his family relations, of whom Casey is one of the worst specimens, the people might rest in fanced security, had he not in his inaugural message deliberately declared that nothing had been done in Louisiana which would not be done in any other State. It is firmly believed by those best informed on the subject that, had it been necessary in order to elect Grant, arrangements had been made to carry Arkansas, Alabama, and Florida, by means equally "illegal and void" as were those used to carry Louisiana. This assumption is not more startling than the facts developed in the Louisiana investigation.

In discussing the question of capital punishment, the New York *Nation* makes a strong point against the advocates of imprisonment for life, as the punishment for murder, by showing that there is in reality no such thing as imprisonment for life. The records of the penitentiaries show that sixty-three cases out of every hundred of those who are sentenced to imprisonment for life are pardoned out before the expiration of seven years from the date of sentence. A percentage of the remainder become insane. The opponents of capital punishment, therefore, before they advocate imprisonment for life, as the penalty for violation of law in capital cases, should establish the fact that there is such a penalty. Every one knows that, in the majority of the sixty-three cases, imprisonment for life means simply imprisonment during the term of the Governor who has commuted the sentence. By the time that a new Governor comes in, public excitement has subsided, the facts in the case are forgotten, and the new Governor has little care or interest in the matter. It is, therefore, possible for any convict who has influential friends and money, and who has maintained an outward show of good behavior in his prison life, to bring such influences to bear as will secure his release, and leave him free to knock somebody else on the head. When the advocates for the abolition of capital punishment can convince the public that there is any such penalty as imprisonment for life, and that when a murderer is sent to prison for life, there is no possible escape without satisfying the penalty, their arguments will make much deeper impression. Gov. Dix set a good example in the Foster case, and Gov. Beveridge in the Driver case, in refusing to commute the penalty pronounced by the courts. It shows that in two States, at least, if a man takes another's life he does so at the certain peril of his own life, and until the sentimental portion of the community can give society some guarantee that there is such a penalty as imprisonment for life, society will go on demanding that murderers shall be hanged.

The London *News* has a valuable and instructive letter from a tourist in the Southern States of this country, whose views may be regarded as impartial, and certainly bear the impress of intelligent observation. He reports that the whole South is suffering for want of money to repair its deserted plantations and broken commerce; that the taxes are everywhere in arrears, and that they are so exorbitant as to ruin the small landholders. "But," he adds, "capitalists will not carry their money into communities where rascally legislators seize so much and give so little in return." Herein he touches the vital spot of the whole difficulty. He describes the negroes as working, after their fashion, just enough to keep starvation from the door, in isolated settlements. He pictures a well-known weakness of the plantation hands when he says that "where they have no pigs or poultry themselves, they probably live very near somebody who has, and that answers just as well." The Southern Legislatures are described as "a daily burlesque upon government more monstrous than the extravagances of the Christy Minstrels." He speaks of the situation as deplorable and melancholy, but thinks it only a natural result of the great social revolution, and believes that it will be righted "as soon as the Government improves." The question is, how soon the Government will improve at the present rate? *Vide* Louisiana!

The Academy of Sciences, and most of our other public institutions whose buildings were destroyed by our great fire, have been revived and put in successful operation. The Historical Society, of which E. H. Sheldon, Esq., was the President, is an exception. Why is this? The members ought to inquire what has become of the real estate and the permanent funds of the Society. Its valuable lot on the North Side was mortgaged for some $16,000 or $18,000 to the Mutual Security Insurance Company for the money which was used to complete its building. The lot is worth the money, probably much more, and the members ought to bestir themselves and see what can be done to revive the Society, and place it on a new career of usefulness. The permanent or endowment funds of the Society, amounting to some $20,000, were in the hands of Mr. Scammon. The bond for these funds was, if we mistake not, burned up with the Society's building. Doubtless Mr. Scammon will keep them safely, for, judging from his other transactions with trust moneys, keeping funds which he holds in a fiduciary capacity is Mr. Scammon's "best bolt."

The following is a transcript from Oakes Ames' "little book" of one of his accounts with the purchasers of Credit Mobilier stock:

1868—*W. D. K.*	*Dr.*
To ten shares stock Credit Mobilier of A.....	$1,000
Interest.....	47
To cash.....	329
Total.....	$1,376
1868.	*Cr.*
By dividend of bonds Union Pacific Railroad, $1,000 at 80 per cent, less 3 per cent, drafts.....	$ 776
June 17—By dividend collected for your acc.....	600
Total.....	$1,376

This is the account of the great shovel-maker with Mr. W. D. Kelley, of Philadelphia. Kelley bought $1,000 of Credit Mobilier stock, on which there was then due dividends to the amount of $776. Mr. Kelley thereupon paid him cash $329, which, with $14 due him for interest on his dividend, paid for the stock. In six months more he received another dividend of $600, or 60 per cent. Further on he got another dividend of $300 and $700. Kelley says he has no recollection of receiving the dividends, though he does remember "borrowing" at different times about $1,000 cash from Ames, which he never returned. When Ames told his story, Kelley was astounded, and went through the farce of offering Ames a check for the money, which Ames refused. Kelley then, with a grand flourish, made a formal presentation of the stock and its *future* dividends to the United States, and immediately voted himself $5,000 extra pay out of the Treasury. Kelley's account therefore foots up:

Received from Oakes Ames, stock.....	$1,000
Dividend.....	700
Dividend.....	600
"Borrowed".....	1,000
Total.....	$3,300
Less cash.....	329
	$3,061
Extra pay.....	5,000
	$8,061
Assigned to the United States, stock.....	1,000
Kelley's profit.....	$7,061

The New York Central Railroad.

One day last October, Commodore Vanderbilt got together every Director and general officer of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and asked them: "Supposing we should take all the passenger trains off the road, how much cheaper could we move our freight?" The matter had been talked about before, but had never been so directly presented. Very different answers were given; and, to reach a definite conclusion, the Commodore put a simpler question: "How much through freight do we carry running from Albany to Buffalo?" The ready reply was, $12,000,000 annually. "How much cheaper could that freight be carried?" The lowest estimate was 10 and the highest 20 per cent. "Then it will pay to build two through tracks for freight business alone," concluded the Commodore, and the four-track scheme was ordered carried out.

When the bill came before the Legislature last month, the Company were asked to pay $500,000 for the permission to lay two additional through tracks. This disbursement they declined to make, on the plea that the $25,000,000 they would expend in putting down a double track of steel rails to facilitate business and the interests of commerce should be considered a sufficient return for the desired privilege. They proposed to build along the line now occupied, and, where practicable, pass around the skirts of a city thus relieving the citizens from annoyance and shortening the through route.

During the last fiscal year the gross earnings of the Company exceeded $25,000,000. Their equipment comprises 500 locomotives, nearly as many passenger cars, and more than 10,000 freight cars. Last year's pay roll, for labor within New York State, exceeded $6,000,000, and the fuel item for locomotives was a trifle over $1,600,000. The Company now have more than 800 miles of single track of steel rails, and the close of the current year will see the whole line laid with steel. The immense volume of traffic created by so great an enterprise, and the rapid development of the tributary territory, has convinced the Directors that present facilities will not enable them to do the business as cheaply as they could with additional tracks.

Not many years ago, it was thought the perfection of railroad management had been attained in the possession of a double track. The experience of the New York Central dissipates that belief. Between Buffalo and New York the Company has in daily transit about sixteen miles of freight cars. In addition, a multiplicity of passenger trains are run. These have the right to the road. Running at various rates of speed, they block up the track unequally; whereas, the economy of running cars depends mainly upon their constant movement. Locomotives and cars earn no money when standing still, although the cost goes on, because steam and a working force have to be kept up. Upon a track used for freight and passengers jointly, stoppages are unavoidable. The track must be clear at intervals to insure safety to travellers. Schedule rules compel the engineer of every freight train to side-track his train fifteen minutes before the coming passenger train is due, and not move out until ten minutes after the other has passed. Consequently, even should all the trains be on time, each passing costs the Company twenty-five minutes lost time. Who pays for it? The shipper. Therefore, inadequacy of facilities is a tax on commerce.

The fact being conceded that three-fifths of all the freight transported over the New York Central Road is destined to points in New England, an additional double track between Buffalo and Albany will go far toward meeting the increasing demands of transportation. Limiting these facilities to freight traffic will be equivalent to at least four new through lines. Nor is this direct benefit the only advantage likely to follow. Self-interest will compel rival lines to inaugurate a like economical policy; and, in these promised improvements, may, perhaps, be furnished a satisfactory solution of our most irritating problem.

One Mr. Brown, of London, has set an example to husbands whose wives elope from them. Brown's wife eloped with one Crellin. Brown had no disposition to challenge Crellin, as he did not believe in the code of honor; neither was Crellin's estate sufficient to award him damages which would satisfy his vengeance. So Brown hit upon another plan. When Mrs. Brown fled with her paramour, she carried off $3,000 worth of jewelry. Brown had Crellin arrested for theft, and brought him before one of the London Police Courts. In vain did Crellin plead that he did not carry off anything but Mrs. Brown. In vain did Mrs. Brown plead that the jewelry was her's before marriage. Some of the jewelry was found upon Crellin's person. The Magistrate held that, as the law now stands, Brown was the legal owner of it, and Crellin was therefore held to answer the charge of felony. As most of the elopements in which Lotharios take part grow out of his desire to gain possession of certain valuables and property belonging to the woman with whom he flies, Brown has put a damper both upon Lotharios and the silly goose who runs away with him. When Lotharios discovers that he is to be a felon, and Mrs. Brown discovers that she is to lose Lotharios, Mr. Brown, and her jewelry also, both of them will hesitate a long time before they decide to disturb Mr. Brown's domestic peace.

Legislative investigation in New York shows that imprisonment for debt is practically retained in that State and extensively practised in New York City. The law authorizing imprisonment for debt was repealed by the Legislature some time ago, but certain exceptions were made, authorizing the courts to issue orders of arrest in cases where debt was fraudulently contracted, where an agreement in trust had been violated, where goods were secreted, where they were carried away in a suspicious manner, etc. Now it is found that a revengeful creditor and unscrupulous attorney can send any man to jail who happens to get into debt and cannot pay, by causing his arrest under one of the exceptions which remain. A number of cases of peculiar hardship are noticed to illustrate the working of the law. A small merchant, a few hundred dollars in debt, was arrested on a suspicion that he was going to take sudden leave. The man was thrown into prison, his goods placed in the hands of the Sheriff, who sold them out at a third of their value, and then had enough to discharge all the debts, after which the debtor was released. But his business was broken up, he died from the shock, and his family was left in an impoverished condition. Another case was that of a workingman who was imprisoned for a debt of $100. His family was forced to sell and pawn their household furniture for money to support them, and then had to appeal to the City Mission for assistance. Abuses of this nature should not be possible under any debtor law in this country.

The London *Standard* has pronounced an opinion upon President Grant's Inaugural Message. It declares it to be the most curious document which has ever emanated from the ruler of a civilized nation, and commends the mingled spirit of piety and platitude which shines through it. The *Standard* analyzes the message in the following humorous manner:

> In the first sentence we are called upon to applaud the fact that Providence for a second time has succeeded in calling Gen. Grant to the head of the American nation. A sort of admission is made that the President has not hitherto justified the choice of Providence in the remark that when he first sent forth offices the country had not recovered from the effects of "the great revolution." We may here note that the civil war is for the first time, so far as we can remember, called a revolution. From this sentence we pass to another, in which we are abruptly informed that it is Gen. Grant's "firm conviction that the civilized world is tending toward republicanism." The civilized world is not only tending toward republicanism, but, according to Gen. Grant, it is doing so directly under American inspiration, subject, as the movements of Artemus Ward's constellations were, to the Constitution of the United States. It is not stated, but we have a right to imply, that the American Government is the better qualified for this great civilizing mission through the circumstance of Congress having recently doubled the salaries of the President, the Senators, and the Representatives. If so much has been done already for civilization by a Legislature which boasts of a Schuyler Colfax and an Oakes Ames among its members, what may the world not expect when the virtue of Congress has been steeled and fortified to the extent of salaries fixed at $5,000?

The English Government has committed itself to a very palpable folly in suppressing a play, "The Happy Land," in which two or three prominent officials were caricatured. The piece was a burlesque, produced at a theatre known as the Court Theatre. The Lord Chamberlain took advantage of a power vested in him to dictate excisions, which, as may be supposed, deprived the piece of what little value there was in it, and the play-house was closed. A similar piece of Government absurdity in France has been justly rebuked by the production in New York of the very play which the French suppressed for fear of offending the great Yankee nation. This action in England is much more surprising, however, than in France, and is certainly very different from the general idea of free institutions which are supposed to prevail in Great Britain. As the Lord Chamberlain of England never suppressed disreputable performances known in this country as "British burlesque," he certainly did himself no credit in resenting mere caricatures.

John Smith has been heard from again. He appears this time in the character of an Ohio legislator, and has introduced a bill, in which he proposes that every citizen of his State shall henceforth be prohibited from naming his offspring "John Smith." This is a blow at the traditions and the prospects, the ancestry and posterity, the history and the future fame of the Smith family. It is a plot against the family integrity, and evidently conceived in the interest of the directory-publishers. Whether the particular John Smith who makes this proposition hopes thereby to embalm his own identity in the fame with which his name is inseparably associated, or desires to destroy the happiness of all future Smiths by depriving them of a prefix that has become almost patronymic, or intends to deprive all successors in the Smith family of the comfortable confusion of dune, cannot be determined; but, in any case, the effort is one which should call out the combined condemnation and opposition of the Smith family.

There is a district in Indiana where the "jerking" system of religious revivals has been recently re-established, with the usual appliances of animal magnetism, and the usual confirmation of the principle of total depravity. Some of the people who have stood highest in the community have made the most astounding confessions of their wickedness. One Christian deacon in the fervor of his devotion, declared that he had very recently committed perjury in court, and that he had been a liar and a hypocrite all the days of his life. Another confessed that he had embezzled school funds intrusted to him, and a third acknowledged that he was addicted to stealing whenever he had a chance. Others were equally candid in their statements. As these people were those who had ranked as the most pious and respectable in the community, the moral effect of the revival may well be called into question. The only saving feature of the case is that men confessedly so wicked are not to be believed under the influence of spirits.

A man in Maine has recently invented an oyster, which he finds to be merchantable with

THE ILLINOIS FARMERS.

Conventions at Earlville, Elgin, Sugar Grove, Clinton, and Cambridge.

Discussion of the Railroad and Other Questions.

Denunciation of Monopolies---Advocacy of Free Trade---Reprobation of the Congressional Salary Steal.

Earlville, LaSalle County.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

EARLVILLE, Ill., March 22.—The County Farmers' Club of LaSalle County met at Earlville this afternoon, with their constituents, to consider the various questions to which their attention is at present called. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. The meeting was called to order by Mr. E. R. Wicks, President of the County Association.

Mr. A. J. Grover, of Earlville, presented the following resolutions for the consideration of the meeting:

Resolved, That the example set by Congress in stealing from the public moneys, by the passage of the salary bill, is a high crime and a burning disgrace to the nation, and indicates a condition of the public conscience which is alarming; and that the national safety demands that every participant therein should be compelled at once to retire forever to private life.

Resolved, That the recent efforts of railroad officials in Springfield, and their continued presence in the lobby, means mischief and demoralization to the Legislature, and calls for the utmost and constant vigilance of the people.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of taxation, we will take Mr. Superintendent Harris, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, at his word, when he says that the road cost $40,000 per mile, that if this is the cost for the purposes of legislation, it should be the cost for the purposes of taxation.

Resolved, That we insist that the duty on iron, steel, leather, lumber, woolens, tin, railroad rails, plush, velvet, and all material used in building railroads, engines, cars, and steamships, ought to be at once repealed; that the interests of the laborers and artisans of Pennsylvania and New England, as well as the farmers of the West, require absolute free trade in these materials; that it is quite as essential that such materials shall be imported free of duty as that railroads should obey the laws; that free trade would enable the railroads to make a tariff of prices conformable to law.

Mr. Hill, of Earlville, moved that the resolution s be laid upon the table.

Mr. Grover desired discussion.

Mr. S. M. Smith was called to the floor, who said that these resolutions were a correct expression of the case between the people and the railroads. He alluded to the opinion of Mr. Peters, given on the day before at Princeton, who had stated that the people had no chance in the contest, because the case must go at last to the United States Courts; that the people had no other chance. The speaker would not advise contest, but our liberties were in danger. We are only repeating history. The liberties of any people must go under eventually, unless all corrupt and insidious influences were continually watched by them. If there is such a prospect when these questions come to the courts of final resort, it is most alarming. Mr. Smith spoke at some length, and with much feeling, in regard to the construction of the Supreme Court of the United States. But the people have final arbitrament in the case. The people must elect Representatives in Congress who will reconstruct the courts in favor of the people and against the monopolists. Once a case was brought before the Lord Chief Justice of England. A man contracted to deliver coal at a certain price. Coal rose, because of a strike in the meantime, and the contractor had to pay the difference in the price to the man to whom he had promised to deliver. This was all wrong. Yet public opinion will always control the courts. Eight years after the Dred Scott decision no Judge in the United States would have dared to render a similar judgment, on account of the advance in public opinion. The people have the power at last. But the railroads have the power now. They are using their influence to the best advantage. A coal man told the speaker, a few days ago, that he must get some railroad to go into partnership with him, or he must give up business. It is a strange thing when freight is carried from points west of the Mississippi River cheaper than from points near Chicago. A coal mine owner at Brimfield wished cheaper transportation to Chicago in order that he might compete with Chicago dealers. Mr. Harris told him that he could not have a single car, simply because he (Harris) owned an interest in a competing mine. This shows that the railroads have the power to build up one set of farmers, one village, one district, one interest, at the expense of another. Peoria and the farmers of that vicinity are now being made wealthier at the expense of Kewanee and the farmers living in that neighborhood, by reason of cheaper freights from the former place. Mr. Smith rehearsed the history of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad between Galesburg and Quincy, saying that the farmers and citizens all along that portion of the route had been cheated out of their share in the railroad by an unjust sale of a first mortgage. Mr. Harris calls the owners and officials of the road gentlemen and not fools. The last part of his statement is undoubtedly true, but the conduct of the stockholders and officials does not show that they are gentlemen, when they go down to Springfield, and say, "If you take off one-sixth, we can make no dividends; and if you reduce our tariffs of rates one-twelfth, we can only pay 4 per cent." Since those fellows went down there with their story, the Legislature is strangely altered. The Hildrup bill has been so modified that it is mere dishwater, and nothing seems likely to be done.

The speaker read and commented on the following passage from a paper read by Mr. K. Ferguson, of Troy, at the meeting of the National Board of Trade, in New York:

Mr. Ferguson made a comparison of fourth-class freights charged by the different railroad lines for the last five years from the cities of Chicago, Toledo, and St. Louis; also, from six interior competing points in the States of Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, viz.: Madison, Decatur, and Paris, in Illinois; Terre Haute, in Indiana; and Keokuk and Dubuque, in Iowa, to New York City. He took the months of December, January, February, March, and April of each years, as those months only show what the railroads would do the year through if they had no water competition. The result of his estimate was that three-fourths of the Western producers' grain were given to the railroads to carry, the remaining fourth to market. There was a tendency towards consolidation among all through lines, crushing out all competition, and enabling two or three railroad kings to dictate to the people how much they shall pay for food, fuel, and clothing. "Already the railroad system of our country (comprising over 50,000 miles, and fast increasing) is in the hands of half a dozen men, who can to-morrow morning telegraph orders from their headquarters that will raise the barrel of flour you buy at noon $1 per barrel, the pork you buy one and two cents per pound, the beef you eat the same, the coal you burn $1 a ton, every bushel of grain in the country two, three, five, and ten cents per bushel, putting into their purses millions of dollars before night, to the disadvantage of every man, woman, and child, and to the benefit alone of a half dozen millionaires." The railroad corporations have gained the control of Legislatures. Yet "it is the people's land and money that helped to build the roads; it is the people's productions of land, loom, and furnace that furnish the freights for said roads, that are now run to the people's detriment, and to the disadvantage of the people. The people

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, March 22.

The supply of money for nearly all classes of loans continues abundant in this market. Some of the banks would be glad to increase their discounts at the regular 10 per cent, and, in some instances, are offering call loans on Government bonds, and some other collaterals, at 7 and 8 per cent. There is a good deal of paper in the street, but the amount of desirable paper offered is not equal to the supply of money, and prime commercial paper is easily disposed of at 10 to 12 per cent. For loans on real estate mortgages, also, the supply of money is fully as great as the demand, and while we hear of no decline in rates of interest on this class of loans yet, the amount of money seeking such investment makes it possible some concessions may be made by the lenders.

The increasing amount of money "in the street" during the past year has encouraged a great many merchants, speculators, and traders to rely more and more on this source of supply. This is perfectly legitimate, and, from present prospects, the trade in money in this way is likely to increase largely from year to year as it does in all great centres of financial activity.

New York exchange is steady at 25c per $1,000 discount for sales between banks.

The clearings of the Chicago Banks for the week were:

Date.	Clearings.	Balances.
Monday	$3,419,286.72	$315,264.36
Tuesday	2,984,562.07	284,197.73
Wednesday	2,810,915.73	334,033.06
Thursday	2,767,809.09	243,617.05
Friday	3,086,901.25	274,836.99
Saturday	2,920,082.73	262,224.28
Total	$17,962,491.99	$1,714,185.62
Corresponding week last year	14,173,591.22	1,429,542.04

The following quotations of local stocks are furnished by Messrs. Hammond & Gage:

	Bid.	Asked.
First National Bank	150	...
Third National Bank	135	...
Fifth National Bank	115	116
Commercial National Bank	137	140
German National Bank	125	130
Manufacturers' National Bank	100	115
Corn Exchange National Bank	117	120
City National Bank	145	...
National Bank of Illinois	110	...
National Bank of Commerce	100	110
Chicago City Railway	166	167½
West Division Railway	...	190
North Division Railway	...	50
Pullman Palace Car	110	113
Babcock Extinguisher	...	80
Elgin Watch Company	102	...
Chamber of Commerce	95	...
Traders' Ins. Co	99¼	101

SALES.

$5,000 Commercial National Bank at 137.
7,200 Chicago City Railway at 167½.
9,300 National Bank of Commerce at 100.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
5-20s of '62, old	116	116½
5-20s of '64,	115¾	116
5-20s of '65	116¾	117
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	114¾	115
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	115¾	117
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	116	116¾
10-40s	110¾	111
U. S. 6s (New Issue)	113¾	113¾
Northern Pacific Gold 7-3os	100	& int.
Chicago City 7s	99¾	& int.
Cook County 7s	99¾	& int.
Illinois County and Township 10s	98	99
Sterling Exchange (large drafts)	108¼	109¼
Gold Exchange	115¾	116
Gold and Gold Coupons	115¾	115¾
1864's, not War 1812	170	185
1870's, not War 1812	125	140
Agricultural College Land Scrip	...	180

LATEST.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Gold opened at 115¾@115¾, sold at 115¾, and closed at 115¾@115¾. Loans were made at 3 to 5 for carrying. Daily clearings, $58,000,000.

Governments and State bonds were dull.

Money ruled easier to-day, owing to the favorable hand the banks gained in the return to-day of moneylenders to made two days' interest. Early transactions were at 1-32, but in the afternoon there was a gradual decline to 4 per cent. The bank statement was more favorable than generally expected, an analysis showing a net gain of $481,175 in legal reserves, as $217,250 in excess of the 20 per cent required.

The specie export for the week was $105,000.

In stocks the dealings were very slim, though there was a slight rally at the very wind up, when Erie reached 35¾ the regular way, and ¾ better buyer three days. Pacific Mail was up to 55¾, and Harlem to 128. Western Union moved up ¾, Wells, Fargo & Co. New York Central at 101¾, 101, and 101¾. The day was one of the most uninteresting of the season.

Sterling, 107¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.			
Coupons, '81	119	Coupons, '67	117
5-20s of '62	116	Coupons, '68	116¾
Coupons, '64	115¾	10-40s	111
Coupons, '65	117	Currency 6s	113¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	115	New 5s	113¾
STATE BONDS.			
Missouris	95	Virginias, old	51
Tennessees, old	81½	North Carolinas, old	30
Tennessees, new	52	North Carolinas, new	17
Virginias, new	44		
STOCKS.			
Canton	99	St. Paul pfd	75¾
W. U. Tel	87¼	Wabash	72¾
Quicksilver	40	Wabash pfd	85¾
Adams Express	94	Fort Wayne	94
Wells, Fargo	80¾	Terre Haute, 8	18
American Express	68	Terre Haute, pfd	40
United States Ex	74	Chicago & Alton	109
Pacific Mail	55¾	Chicago & Alton pfd	118
New York Central	101¾	Ohio & Mississippi	45¾
Erie	65¾	C., C. & C	87¼
Erie pfd	72	C., B. & Q	110
Harlem	128	Rock Island	93¾
Harlem pfd	135	Indiana Central	39
Michigan Central	105	Illinois Central	115
Pittsburgh	88	Union Pacific stocks	34¾
Northwestern	83	Union Pacific bonds	85¾
Northwestern pfd	88	Central Pacific bonds	103¾
Rock Island	114¾	Del. Lack. & Western	100¾
N. J. Central	103¾	B. H. & Erie	4¾
St. Paul	86¾		

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, March 22.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	13,405	3,993	10,674	2,569
Wheat, bu	19,595	5,922	13,471	3,217
Corn, bu	74,130	40,750	13,956	7,170
Oats, bu	34,780	18,840	49,075	9,650
Rye, bu	1,417	1,812	770	3,069
Barley, bu	9,160	5,946	16,303	6,963
Grass seed, lbs	69,535	111,487	163,792	66,747
Flax seed, lbs	470	...	64,250	43,010
Broom corn, lbs	14,500	160	...	20,340
Cured meats, lbs	280,500	96,320	722,880	784,120
Beef, brls	40	...	...	24
Pork, brls	79	374	961	...
Lard, lbs	32,780	26,070	272,400	156,825
Tallow, lbs	39,300	6,916	41,276	40,278
Butter, lbs	48,032	27,155	8,200	12,020
Dressed hogs, No	83	295	...	126
Live hogs, No	8,566	6,196	8,447	6,016
Cattle, No	3,240	1,725	2,691	2,326
Sheep, No	644	1,806	1,443	1,719
Hides, lbs	87,553	137,594	145,108	48,313
Highwines, brls	548	402	1,226	333
Wool, lbs	17,796	9,850	6,000	12,210
Potatoes, bu	3,326	1,330	...	...
Lumber, M feet	570	750	1,296	954
Shingles, M	1,904	3,488	1,606	1,159
Lime, brls	25	40	120	80
Salt, brls	...	...	238	909

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 2,602 bu wheat; 247 bu corn; 378 bu rye; 3,876 bu barley. Withdrawn for do during the past week: 18,324 bu wheat; 22,963 bu corn; 4,539 bu oats; 2,376 bu rye; 10,266 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 66 cars wheat; 119 cars corn; 14 cars oats; 2 cars rye; 6 cars barley. Total, 207 cars, or 81,000 bu.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and stock at this point during the week ending with this morning, and for corresponding weeks ending as dated:

	RECEIPTS.			SHIPMENTS.		
	March 22, 1873.	March 15, 1873.	March 23, 1872.			
Flour, brls	66,870	60,087	31,783			
Wheat, bu	195,840	201,359	16,808			
Corn, bu	515,345	450,580	190,573			
Oats, bu	260,335	274,068	75,800			
Rye, bu	7,643	11,280	6,150			
Barley, bu	68,210	93,600	27,268			
Dressed hogs, No	65,123	4,652	38,759			
Live hogs, No	14,055	48,681	12,506			
Cattle, No	7,373	14,732	9,549			
	SHIPMENTS.					
Flour, brls	56,740	57,942	18,797			
Wheat, bu	82,774	74,126	26,775			
Corn, bu	111,593	193,564	66,816			
Oats, bu	177,139	163,343	65,424			
Rye, bu	4,120	3,467	11,877			
Barley, bu	79,108	70,715	53,582			
Dressed hogs, No	50,996	2,979	36,138			
Live hogs, No	11,251	22,941	10,225			
Cattle, No	3,744	11,962	8,543			

Ira Y. Munn announces that he intends, ere long, to publish statements which will place the conduct of the firm of Munn & Scott in a different light. We know not the nature of the proposed publication, but if it will reveal the true bottoms to the wheat-bins that were floored over a few months ago, it will do "a power of good" to a long-suffering mercantile community.

The stocks of wheat, and flour reduced to wheat, in Toronto on the 17th inst. were 549,918 bu, against 400,699 bu a year previously, and the stock consisted much more largely of spring wheat, which is not wanted in the United States. The stocks now held in the whole of Canada are reported at the equivalent of 3,800,000 bu wheat, whereas the largest stock at the same time in any previous year was 2,100,000 bu.

The leading produce markets were quiet to-day, with an easier feeling in the principal breadstuffs, though receipts were less than usual, and Eastern advices were generally of a firmer character. The trading all round was almost entirely local in its character, there being no inquiry of consequence for shipment.

The demand for staple domestic and foreign dry goods continues uninterruptedly active, and buoyant tone still permeates the market. The attendance of interior buyers, from points near and remote, is noticeably large for this season of the year, and, while their purchases seem mainly restricted to supplying consumptive wants, the aggregate distribution of goods is considerably larger than at a corresponding period last year. Values were without appreciable change, though in some of the favorite brands of unbleached and bleached cottons, ticks, and deniums an advance is talked of. The condition of the grocery market was unchanged in any essential particular, the demand continuing large and prices maintaining the extreme firmness that has characterized them for the past fortnight or more. The attendance of buyers in person was not as large as on some of the preceding days of the week, but there was an increase in the number of mail orders, and the volume of sales was satisfactory. An advance of ¾c in McBride's White Lily soap was the only appreciable change in values. In the butter market there was rather more doing on local account, and prices of good to choice qualities were sustained with a fair degree of firmness. In the absence of any considerable inquiry for low grades, the market for such remains weak and unsettled. As yet there is no material accumulation of any grade. Canned goods were moving freely at full previous rates. Corn, tomatoes, succotash, and some other articles enumerated in the list, are in light stock, and will probably advance before the season is over. Cheese was strong at the advance lately latelly established. Prices are again higher in Liverpool, and holders anticipate a further upward movement here. In the coal market there was nothing new to note. Orders were few and small, and prices were not subjected to any material change. The dried-fruit trade was reasonably active, so far as foreign assortments were concerned, but was dull for domestics. Prices underwent no quotable change. Fish remain firm at former quotations. Hay was dull and easy. Hides and leather were moving freely at the quoted prices. No change took place in prices of oils, the market ruling steady at yesterday's rates.

Trade at the lumber yards is only fair, the quoted prices being sustained, except for common grades of building material, which are in liberal supply, and subject to slight concessions in effecting sales. Metals, nails, and iron continue to meet with an active inquiry, and prices are ruling strong. Tin plate especially is firm, owing to the advancing tendency of prices at the East and in England. Brick, lime, cement, and other materials are meeting with more inquiry, and prices are becoming steadier. The features of the wool, hops and broom corn markets were substantially the same as those heretofore existing. Wool remains dull and weak, and the demand for hops is still of a limited character, while the better qualities of broom corn continue to meet with a fair inquiry from manufacturer. Timothy seed was less active than on Friday, but firm at the recent advance. Hungarian and millet were in good demand and firm. Clover remains quiet and unchanged. Poultry was in fair request, and choice stock ruled firm. Eggs were active at 16 @17c. The supply of potatoes is still large and car lots are dull at about 50c on track. Green fruits were in fair request on local account, at former prices.

Highwines were quiet and unchanged, with a very light demand, and not much offering. Cash sales were reported of 100 brls at 86½c per gallon. The market closed steady.

Lake freights were quiet, but ¼c higher, the feeling among holders being very strong; as they know they will have more business offered them than they can handle, and think this will enable them to name their own prices. The unengaged grain room was figured up to-day, and found to consist of about 600,000 bu. There was quite an outcry against a rumored corner in freights; but, as stated above, there was probably no good ground for the charge. A very few vessels more was reported, which will carry out 94,000 bu corn to Buffalo at 14c. Wheat to do by sail was nominal at 15c.

Provisions were dull, and again easier. The greatest weakness was in mess pork, which fell off 20@25c per brl, in sympathy with reported dullness in New York, though our local hog market was strong. It is expected that there will be free offerings of April pork before this month is out, and that helps to weaken the confidence of buyers. Lard was very quiet, and 2½c per 100 lbs lower. Meats are in moderate demand for shipment, but buyers generally insisted on concessions, which holders would not entertain; hence, little trading. Quotations on meats were unchanged, except that shoulders were a shade firmer, having recently declined without company. Hence, they were relatively lower than other meats, and the first symptom of a decline was sufficient to cause more strength. The market closed as follows, being the range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller March, $14.40@14.50; do seller April, $14.37½@14.40; do seller May, $14.70@14.75; do seller June, $14.90 @14.95; do seller July, $15.15@15.20; prime mess, $13.00; extra prime, $10.00@10.25. Lard, cash, or seller March, $7.82½@7.85; do seller April, $7.85; do seller May, $8.02½@8.05; do seller June, $8.20. Sweet pickled hams quoted at 10c for 20-lbs; 10¼@10¾c for 18-lbs; 11@11¼c for 17-lbs; 11¾@12c for 16-lbs; 12@12¼c for 15-lbs; and 12½@12¾c for 14-lb averages. Dry salted meats quotable at 4¾c for shoulders; 6¾@6¾c for long clear; 7¾@7¾c for short ribs; and 7¼c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 5½@5¾c. English meats, 7@7½c for Cumberlands; 7¾@7¾c for short ribs; 7¾c for short clear; 12½@13½c for long cut hams. Bacon is quoted at 6¼c for shoulders, 8¾c for clear ribs, 8¾c for short clear, and 13@ 14c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $9.00@ 9.50; extra mess do, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $28.50@29.50. City tallow, 7½@7¾c; grease quotable at 5¾@6¾c. Sales were reported of 500 brls mess pork (last evening), at 414.75; 100 brls do at $14.62½; 1,000 brls do, seller April, at $14.40; 500 brls do, seller May, at $14.75; 250 tcs lard, seller May, at $8.02½; 20,000 lbs shoulders at 4¾c; 30 boxes do at 5¾c; 250 boxes do at 5½c; 200 brls tallow at 7½c.

The packers and warehousemen report the following as the stocks of provisions on hand in this city, as compared with the corresponding period last year:

	1873.	1872.
Mess pork, brls (new)	53,789	35,102
Mess pork, brls (old)	30,000	...
Pork, other kinds, brls	911	6,613
Lard, tcs	43,860	38,300
S. S. hams, lbs	38,553	17,910
Shoulders, lbs	5,780,000	8,803,319
Short ribs, lbs	9,322,000	6,663,323
Short clear, lbs	5,007,000	3,679,635
Rough sides, lbs	...	939,461
Cumberlands, lbs	...	72,832
Long clear, lbs	...	1,834,055

There are about 1,000,000 lbs of Cumberlands and long clear in store here, but are being held for immediate shipment and not taken in account.

The *Daily Commercial Report* gives the following as the shipments of provisions from this point for the week ending March 20, 1873, and since Nov. 1, 1872; also, comparative figures:

	Pork, brls.	Lard, Hams, Shld's, lbs.	Mt'ts, lbs.
Wk en'g Mar. 20	3403	2581 1309	1380450 4701400
Same week 1872	3,000	2,221 1,000	1,000 2,919,000
Since Nov. 1, '72	158,436	150,664 43494	81103308 132017701
Same time '71-2	65548	138587 45484	23477097 82246540

Flour was quiet, and quoted steady, the demand being scarcely large enough to give holders an opportunity of offering to reduce quotations, if they had been willing to do so. The local demand was light, and shippers were not anxious to take hold. We note that arrangements have been made to send 5,000 brls through this city from San Francisco to New York, and that two car-loads of California flour were offered on our floor to-day, while the same firm received an order to ship 400 brls through to Glasgow. Thus in one day Chicago acts as the connecting link between Europe and the Golden State. Bran was lower. Sales were reported of 60 brls white winter extras, on private terms; 100 brls spring extras at $6.75; 100 brls do at $6.50; 600 brls do on private terms; 50 brls rye at $4.25; 200 brls do on private terms. Total, 1,110 brls. Also 20 tons bran at $10.50, on track. The following was the closing range of prices:

Fair to choice white winter extras	$ 8.00 @10.50
Red winter extras	7.00 @ 8.50
Good to choice spring extras	6.00 @ 7.00
Low to medium do	5.00 @ 6.00
Good to fancy Minnesota	6.50 @ 8.00
Spring superfines	3.50 @ 5.00
Rye flour	4.25 @ 4.50
Bran	10.50 @11.00
Middlings	11.00 @15.00

Wheat was irregular, at an average decline of ¾@¾c from the closing quotations of Friday. The market was dull, with very little demand for anything but the April option, which was artificially excited at times by a cause purely local. Liverpool was quoted unchanged, and New York was reported firm, with no change in quotations. Hence there was nothing in the dispatches to vary the tone here, and the market would have been quiet, as usual on Saturday, but for a local speculative fever of the *quotidian* type. The shipping demand was nothing except for a few car lots of the lower grades, and there was no capitalistic inquiry for No. 2, in the absence of a call for May options. The course of the wheat market during the past few days has been remarkably steady, considering that the pressure brought to bear upon it was very strong, from both sides. A large number of puts were sold at the extraordinarily high price of $8.00 per 1,000 bu to deliver April wheat at $1.20 during this week. Hence the sellers of these privileges were interested in not allowing the market to go below $1.20; and whenever it touched a point a shade below that, so that the buyers of the privilege could make a profit by taking hold, the sellers at once bid up to stave off deliveries. On the other hand the bear element has moved earth, and possibly tried to move heaven, on their side; and it was rumored yesterday that they had chartered all the available freight room in the harbor, for the sole purpose of preventing shipment by holders, and thus forcing a drop by anticipations of a glut. We have good reason to believe that this rumor was unfounded. Now that the time for delivery on the above named privileges is past, there may be a turn. Seller April opened to-day at $1.20¾, declined to $1.19¾, advanced to $1.20¾, and settled down steadily to $1.20@1.20¼ during the greater part of the regular session, closing at $1.20¾. Seller May averaged 4c higher than April. Seller the month, or regular No. 2 spring, ranged at $1.21½@1.22½, closing at the outside. Strictly fresh receipts of No. 2 sold at $1.20@1.20¼, according to date. No. 1 spring was inactive and nominal at $1.27@1.28; No. 3 do was in fair demand at $1.07½@1.07¾ for regular, and $1.08¾ @1.08¾ for current receipts. Rejected spring was quiet at 93½@94½c. Cash sales were reported of 1,600 bu; No. 2 spring fresh at $1.20¾; 7,200 bu do at $1.20¾; 800 bu do at $1.20; 10,000 bu regular at $1.19½; 10,000 bu do at $1.19¾; 3,200 bu No. 3 spring, gilt edged receipts at $1.08¾; 4,400 bu do at $1.08½; 400 bu at $1.07½; 10,000 bu at $1.07½; 1,600 bu rejected spring at 94½c; 2,800 bu do at 94c; 400 bu do at 93½c. Total, 52,400 bu.

Corn was dull and weak, declining ¾@¾c from yesterday's quotations, though reported stronger in New York. There were a good many anxious to sell and few willing to buy; the leading cause appearing to be the fact that a large proportion of the freight room in our harbor is taken up, and will not be available to relieve our elevators at the opening of navigation. The vessels already chartered are understood to have been taken for the purpose of receiving and shipping some 250,000 bu corn now on the canal, and to be delivered here on the 10th of April, or as soon thereafter as it can be loaded here. The indications are that we shall have not less than 1,000,000 bu of corn arrive here by water within one month after the opening of the canal, which will be not far from as much as can be taken out in that time, as the unengaged freight room now here is only 600,000 bu. Hence there is no prospect of relief to the now crowded elevators, and holders of receipts therein are apprehensive of a further drop, especially as offerings for summer delivery from the country are again on the increase. Regular No. 2 corn, or seller the month, sold at 31¼@ 31⅜c; strictly fresh receipts of do at 33⅜@ 33⅝c; seller April at 31⅝@31¾c; seller May at 35½@35¾c; and seller June at 37⅜@37¼c, all closing steady at the inside. Corn on track was quiet at 32½c. Cash sales were reported of 5,200 bu No. 2 gilt-edged receipts at 33¾c; 16,200 bu do at 33½c; 6,000 bu on track at 32½c; 5,000 bu regular at 31 9-16c; 30,000 bu do at 31½c; 5,000 bu do at 31¾c; 2,800 bu rejected at 28½c. Total, 70,200 bu.

Oats were dull and ½@¾c lower, though reported firmer in New York. The market shared in the dull feeling in corn, and buyers held off so persistently that the market was merely nominal during a great part of the session. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, was offered at 26c. Seller April was quoted at 26@26¼c, closing dull at the inside. Seller May sold at 29¼c, and closed with sellers at that figure. For seller June 30c was bid. Strictly fresh receipts of No. 2 opened at 27c, but declined to 26¾c at the close. Cash sales were reported of 600 bu No. 2 fresh at 27c; 1,200 bu do at 26¾c; 2,400 bu do at 26¾c; 4,800 bu do at 26⅜c; 5,000 bu regular at 26c; 1,200 bu rejected at 24c; 1,800 bu do at 23½c. Total, 17,000 bu.

Rye was quiet and steady at yesterday's range, at 64c for regular No. 2, to 65½c for gilt-edged receipts of do. Sales were made of 1,200 bu at 65¾c, and 800 bu do at 65c.

Barley was excited, and advanced 6c per bu on No. 2, under a strong speculative demand, born of the impression that the market has been largely oversold, and that the short interest have been caught napping. Barley is reported scarce and higher in New York, and our receipts are very light for an advancing market—only 6 car-loads inspected in this morning. Seller the month, or seller April, opened at 79c, and advanced to 80c, but receded to 76c at the close. Strictly fresh receipts of No. 2 in houses when wanted, sold at 80@81c. No. 3, in preferred houses, was firm at 65@67c, the whole market averaging 2@4c higher than yesterday. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 2 fresh at 81c; 2,000 bu do at 80c; 5,000 bu regular at 77c; 400 bu No. 3 at 67c; 1,400 bu do at 66c; 400 bu do at 65c; 10,000 bu rejected at 45c; 400 bu do at 43½c; 2,800 bu do at 43c; 2,400 bu do at 42c; 400 bu do, by sample, at 75c; 400 bu do at 60c on track. Total, 29,400 bu.

William Young & Co., of this city, publish returns from eighty-six points in the winter wheat-growing sections of the West. They generally report a little more on hand than at this time a year ago, and generally favorable prospects for the coming crop.

BRITISH FOOD SUPPLY.

Boerhohm's London *Corn Trade List* has the following:

The opinions formed after the result of our last harvest were, that we would require to import as an extreme estimate 11,000,000 qrs. foreign wheat, and with an early harvest, that 9,000,000 qrs. might be sufficient, and that supplies of native wheat would be larger when the winter frost improved the condition.

We have imported during the six months since the 1st of September about 7,000,000 qrs., and if the above theories were correct the present depression would not be at all wonderful. The impressions they left on the minds of the people in the trade is, I believe, the cause of the present depression, but I venture to say they will prove quite fallacious.

The reported fine crops in Chili and Australia, and good prospects in California have doubtless had their effect, but it may be well to remark that large supplies from such distant places mean high freights, and at any rate not low prices, whilst it may be remembered that year after year Australia has promised large supplies, and given us but little; and the California crop has yet four months' vicissitudes to escape. But to return to the question of our year's wants, and how far these will be supplied from our home growth. I do not think anybody supposes we have added to stock more than 1,000,000 qrs, thus showing a consumption of 6,000,000 qrs in six months, and deliveries of native wheat are again falling off after an insignificant increase during the early part of this month, when the weather was all that could be desired for improving the condition. Will then 2,000,000 more imports as a minimum, or 4,000,000 as a maximum suffice for us? I think not. I see no reason to anticipate less consumption during the coming six months than during the past. The new quality certain we cannot expect more than usual from farmers. Potatoes with which the continent helped to supply us have now become so dear that bread is a cheaper food, not alone for table use, but for feeding where potatoes are often used in other years, and the price of butchers' meat does not decline. To these requirements we can reckon up afloat only about 500,000 qrs, which have to arrive, if in due course, within one month, and about 1,250,000 qrs white wheat to arrive in a period extending over at least four months; and with a state of markets in all near sources of supply which is in no form conducive to the belief of much augumentation in the supplies from thence. I am unable, therefore, to see any chance of our supplies being more than we shall require up to the 1st of July, when some idea may be formed of our own growing crops.

DOCTORED BARLEY.

A correspondent in Albany, N. Y., writes us as follows:

"Maltsters here entertain the same opinion in regard to the barley from your city as you did on the 18th of February last. Maltsters here will not touch it, and those who have bought and used it condemn it in very strong terms.

It is always thus; the innocent suffer for the guilty. The maltsters in Albany, and elsewhere, have been imposed upon by the doctored stuff which is turned out from the sulphur mills in this city, and now they think that no good barley can be bought in Chicago. But we can assure our correspondent that, if he or his friends, "or any other man," send an order here to a responsible commission house for barley that has not been doctored, he will get none of the vile trash which is ruining the reputation of Chicago barley throughout the world.

The above note forms, too, a sweeping answer to the assertion made by the barley doctors, that the barley they turn out is equal to the best, and is so pronounced by the experts who buy it for their breweries. Their assertion may pass current with those who believe that the contents of a "whited sepulchre" are pleasant to the eye as the cheek of a maiden of sixteen, but none others can swallow it. The honorable traders here are just as much "down upon" the doctoring practice as our correspondent can be, and would be only too glad to be able to put a stop to the jugglings which cause their customers to look with suspicion upon the men and the barley whose purity has never yet been polluted by contact with sulphur or its cognates.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCE.

The San Francisco *Commercial Herald* says:

Comparatively speaking, there has been very little business transacted in grain. Wheat offerings have been tight and prices unsettled; by reason of unfavorable advices from Liverpool; besides, the great bulk of wheat yet remaining in the State is held by shippers, who purchased the same some time since, pending the loading of vessels chartered to arrive. There is, in fact, very little new business entered into by leading houses engaged in the export grain trade with the United Kingdom. There is rather more tone to the barley market. The proprietors of the Marysville Mills have made a contract with the Central Pacific Railroad for the carrying of 5,000 brls of flour to New York. The same is now going forward in double sacks, as is also the case with shipments East via Panama.

Crop prospects continue all that could be desired. The season is, perhaps, rather backward, but the growing grass and grain is healthful, and the soil full of water. About 17½ inches of rain have fallen thus far during the season, and farmers are jubilant with the prospect of bountiful harvests.

The Stockton *Independent* of March 11 has the following respecting the coming crops:

"We continue to hear the most encouraging reports concerning the crops from all parts of the valley, and especially so from the west side of the San Joaquin, where the rains of the past winter have been all that could be desired. We are informed that there are many large fields of volunteer grain in that section in which the plants are nearly two feet high. The area under cultivation in that portion of the State is much greater than last year, and a region of territory nearly 100 miles in length, with an average breadth of ten miles, is one continuous grain field. Six hundred and forty thousand acres of land will produce a very large amount of wheat, should the season continue favorable. At the low estimate of ten bushels per acre, it will amount to 6,400,000 bushels, or 192,000 tons. When it is recollected that this field is but a small portion of the whole valley, the necessity of making some preparations to handle the immense crop that may be expected is apparent.

"Our farmers should not allow themselves to be placed in the position they were in last year, when, at the close of the harvest, they were obliged to place their wheat on the market at a time when there were no ships to carry it away, and at the same time there was a scarcity of cars to transport it to market. It may do for certain journals to claim that the farmers are being made the victims of monopolies and rings, yet business men know that the price of any commodity in a market depends upon the supply and demand. The farmers in this valley should be prepared to hold their grain until there is a demand for it, and this can only be effected by co-operation. When the crop is as abundant as it was last year, and promises to be this, they must know that it is utterly impossible to move it all in the few months intervening between harvest time and the commencement of a rainy season. If they force their wheat on the market and into the hands of the middlemen at that time, they must expect to sell at a low price.

"Should the present expectations of our farmers be realized, the San Joaquin Valley alone will, this year, produce 15,000,000 bushels of wheat, or 450,000 tons. To transport this immense amount of wheat to market will require the constant use of every car and vessel for months, and the farmer can only protect himself from extortion by preparing to hold his grain for the best opportunity. The matter should receive the careful attention of our farmers' clubs, and the necessary warehouses for the storage of grain should be furnished, so that their interests may not be jeopardized by being forced to put their grain upon the market faster than it is demanded for shipment."

THE NEW DOMINION SHIPPING TRADE.

The New Dominion trade and navigation returns for the year ending June 30, 1872, have been issued. The following is a statement of the number of sea-going vessels entered and cleared seaward at Canadian ports during the year:

	Tonnage.	Men.
British, in cargo	16,149	3,613,152
Foreign, in cargo	9,116	1,130,776
British, in ballast	...	742,811
Foreign, in ballast	...	460,265
Total tonnage	5,916,704	

The inland waters' shipping made between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec and the United States was as follows:

	Tonnage.	Men.
British vessels inward	11,450	1,976,572
American vessels inward	6,286	1,006,576
Total vessels	17,486	3,582,148
British vessels outward	10,355	1,822,566
American vessels outward	5,878	1,456,749
Total vessels	16,233	3,279,309

The vessels built in Canada during the year were:

Nova Scotia	188
New Brunswick	93
Quebec	74
Ontario	55
British Columbia	4
Total	414

The aggregate tonnage of the foregoing was 114,065 tons; 563 vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 127,371 tons, were registered.

The increase in duties collected in the year over the previous year was 10.15 per cent, against 25½ per cent, the increase in 1870-1 over 1869-70.

PACKING.

Daley, Cowles & Co. give the following report of hog packing in this city during the regular packing season, from Nov. 1 to March 1:

Packers.	HOGS, NO. Live.	Dress'd	Total.	Average weight.
Armour & Co	115,109		115,109	328.
Allerton Packing Co	67,747	532	68,279	327.37
A. Anthony	...	8,630	8,630	280.
Boothbay & Co	159,634	...	159,634	331.
Henry Brinkworth	5,314	1,737	6,951	260.60
Burnham, Pacific & Co	356,565	15,030	371,595	331.91
Culbertson, Blair & Co	28,634	...	28,634	330.
L. F. Crosby & Co	23,545	...	23,545	294.
Cudahy Bros	25,500	...	25,500	320.
George W. Higgins	125,082	...	125,082	326.
John L. Hancock	41,005	450	41,455	340.06
Hutchinson & Co	31,183	...	31,183	329.39
A. A. Libby & Co	10,133	...	10,133	320.
Lees Hendricks & Co	3,605	3,000	6,105	183.
P. Lorillard	20,000	...	20,000	320.
J. C. Mitchell & Co	28,088	...	28,088	332.
H. M. Oliver & Co	10,855	811	11,666	326.
E. G. Orne & Co	6,815	...	6,815	320.
Perkins, Dupee & Co	15,743	...	15,743	328.90
Peck, Skinner & Co	5,000	500	5,500	320.
S. A. Kieber	45,981	...	45,981	328.64
Reid & Sherwin	8,717	...	8,717	340.
H. A. W. Small	15,062	178	15,240	330.
S. Schoeneman	9,810	80	9,890	340.
F. B. Sherwood	...	7,907	7,907	284.75
Thayer & Booth	57,719	...	57,719	328.75
Other houses and city use	5,565	11,394	16,959	344.56
Totals	1,338,498	48,841	21,402,039	327.53
Packing of 1871-72	1,121,206	186,955	1,317,250	324.69
Packing of 1870-71	789,697	120,549	910,246	325.13
Packing of 1869-70	575,591	14,001	697,492	304.83
Packing of 1868-69	548,627	51,427	597,954	295.75
Packing of 1867-68	695,156	107,750	792,942	291.72
Packing of 1866-67	464,966	132,060	639,326	323.79

LATEST.

In the afternoon wheat was only moderately active and a trifle easier; No. 2 spring sold at $1.20¾@1.20¾ seller April, closing at $1.20¾; and $1.21½@1.24¾ seller May, closing at the inside. Corn was in light request and ¼c lower. No. 2 sold at 31⅝c cash or seller the month; 31½@31⅝c seller April, and 35½@35¾c seller May, closing at the inside. Other grain and provisions were quiet and unchanged.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, March 22.

ALCOHOL—Was in moderate request and steady at $1.73@7.79 for 94 per cent proof.

BROOM CORN—A fair movement was reported in the better qualities, but poor grades are slow. Strictly choice green hurl would bring 7@7½c, but it is very scarce. We repeat quotations: No. 1 hurl, 6@6½c per lb; No. 1 stock braid, 5@5½c; No. 2 do, 4@4½c; do, 3@3¾c; inside green, 4¼c; do red tip, 3¾4c; do inferior and red, 2@2½c.

BEANS—The demand for beans is restricted to the wants of local dealers. Choice grades are mostly wanted, and are firm, being scarce. We quote: Navies at $3.00@3.05; prime to choice hand-picked, $2.90@ 3.00; fair to good, $1.60@2.00; common to medium, $1.00@1.50.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Dealers report continued improvement in the demand for all materials. Common hard brick sold at $10.00 per M. We continue to quote: Stucco, $2.50@2.75; New York st

THE LAW COURTS.

Important Ruling of Judge Rogers ---A Warning to Intending Litigants.

Judge Gary Expounds as to the Admissibility of Copies of Depositions of Living Witnesses.

Judge Tree Decides that a Verbal Promise to Receipt a Bill is as Binding as a Written One.

Interesting Variety of Life's Troubles Developed by New Law Suits.

James McQuirk, of this city, in a bill for injunction against Daniel Bogle, in a bill filed on Saturday, in the Superior Court, shows that in 1867 he was a citizen of Cleveland, Ohio, and the sole owner of the tug-boat Ada Allen, which he mortgaged to John M. Hughes for $7,000; that, in default of payment of the first note due under such mortgage, Hughes took possession of the tug, and in December, 1867, foreclosed the mortgage and purchased the vessel. In February, 1868, judgment by default was had against McQuirk and Robert Rae, as owners of the tug, for wages and supplies, and she was sold in that month for $500 to Daniel Bogle, who bought her in for that sum in the interest of McQuirk, Robert Rae having also an interest in her, by bill of sale, for a liability he had incurred for McQuirk as bondsman. In May, 1868, Hughes commenced a suit in replevin, and in June of that year Bogle and Hughes met and arranged matters by an agreement that Bogle was to run the tug in the interests of Hughes and McQuirk, receiving $50 per month therefor, applying the receipts to the payment of certain outstanding debts, and settling other similar details. Plaintiff charges that Bogle reported his receipts, from February, 1868, to December, 1870, at $12,000, whereas they were really not less than $15,000, with $6,000 for the season of 1871-2.

He next shows in detail, and at enormous length, the manifold negligences, omissions, and commissions of which the defendant was guilty, by which the interests of the parties are supposed to have been sacrificed; and concludes a most painstaking, minute, and exhaustive effort to transmogrify a few straightforward facts into as many meaningless phrases, and as much legal foolscap as possible, by praying the Court to have an account taken of the earnings of the tug, and a lot of other things, meaning general relief from the evils alleged.

IMPORTANT TO ATTORNEYS AND CLIENTS.

Judge Rogers made an important ruling, on Saturday, in Baum v. Screiber, to which the attention of both attorneys and clients may profitably be drawn.

Mr. Moses, who appears in this suit, having attended, fruitlessly, for trial almost every day in the week, the case having been called several days previously, made a motion in the Court (Judge Rogers) that the other side pay the costs to date; and it appearing that the attorney for the other side had not attended for trial, owing to absence on legal business elsewhere, out of the county, without causing himself to be represented, the Court ruled that his client must pay the costs, as applied for, in this instance amounting to about $30, remarking that, where attorneys cannot find time to attend to duties they have accepted at the Chicago bar, and leave business in our courts to take care of itself whilst they look after business in courts of other counties, both themselves and their clients must expect to suffer the consequences.

RULING AS TO SECONDARY EVIDENCE.

An application for the ruling of the Court as to the admissibility of secondary evidence of living witnesses in chancery causes, on Saturday morning, led to Judge Gary informing the counsel that he had already ruled, in an application of Mr. Winston, in one of the Flagler suits, and on two other occasions, that a certified copy of the deposition of a living witness cannot be used. Some conversation thereupon ensuing, His Honor said that the point admitted of no doubt, the Supreme Court having frequently ruled as stated. The matter had, over and over again, been brought up in different chancery courts, and the ruling was invariably the same.

A difficulty of a trivial nature, as to obtaining oral testimony during life, being mentioned, the Court suggested that the only remedy the counsel had was to "kill the witness." Judge Gary's caustic style of uttering these grave judicial jokes gives them a zest that does not appear on paper.

LIABILITY ON PROMISES TO PAY.

An exceedingly interesting decision was given by Judge Tree, on Saturday, in Stephens v. Hall, being Scott Circuit Court, on appeal from a Justice's judgment. The defendants demurred, under the statute of frauds, the bill of exchange not being signed. The plaintiffs held that the case did not come under the statute of frauds, or, if it did, the defendants were still liable to pay; and cited Brown on Statutes of Frauds, Sec. 172, 48 Illinois, Nelson v. First National Bank, 34 Illinois, page 319, and 35 Illinois, page 424. The Court ruled that, in cases where the giver of a promise to pay made a parole *promise* to accept, upon presentation of the bill for his acceptance, that was sufficient to fix his liability, and he must pay. Frank J. Crawford for the plaintiff, and C. M. Harris for the defendants.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR CANAL NAVIGATION.

The liabilities of the city for injuries of all kinds, however remote from the vigilance of the officers of the city, seem to be well-nigh endless. On Saturday the suit, practically involving the liability of the city for the safety of navigation in the Summit Division of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, was submitted to Judge Rogers, and testimony was taken. The plaintiff sued for $5,000 damages for loss sustained by the destruction of his canal barge Rosabel, whilst on a voyage to Chicago, laden with corn. Workmen were at the time engaged in excavation and other works in the Summit Division, and a large rock that had been displaced in the course of the work was lodged in the bed of the canal, right in the way of vessels navigating to Chicago. There being no notice of the obstruction, the barge collided with it, and went to the bottom, becoming a total loss. The plaintiff claims that the city is responsible for the disaster, the material being removed under contract with the city. His Honor took the matter under advisement.

A WIDOW'S DIFFICULTY.

During his lifetime, Charles C. Meserve, acting as agent for the owner, sold to Elisha Nason the northwest quarter of Sec. 23, in Township 40, Range 13, but his principal afterwards failed to carry out the contract, and Nason subsequently commenced a suit against Meserve for damages,—$50,000. Meserve soon afterwards died, and his widow, Louisa S., is now in the County Court seeking probate, on Saturday filed a petition in the Circuit Court praying the Court to issue a commission to Hiram M. Chase, one of the Masters in Chancery, to authorize him to take testimony in the cause, to establish the fact that Meserve was acting as agent, and so forth, as here stated.

ANOTHER RELIC OF THE FIRE.

On the 17th of June, 1871, Wm. H. Fitch, Jr., deposited in the Empire warehouse, belonging to W. P. Dickinson & Co., a quantity of furniture and personal property, valued at $4,600, which he authorized them to insure, and they effected an insurance in the Lycoming Fire Insurance Company, of Muncey, Penn. The October fire destroyed the property, and Fitch directed the firm to adjust the loss with the Company, offering to pay them $800 therefor, if they could do so without calling on him to bother himself in the matter, which they did. Subsequently, Fitch left the State, and yesterday the complainants procured an attachmet against his property wherever it may be found. Fitch is believed to be a resident of the State of Michigan, and has property situated in Cook County, Ill.

AN UNNATURAL MOTHER.

Paul Moe prays the court for divorce from Annie, his wife, on account of cruelty to himself and their child Rudolph, charging, with respect to the latter, that she has done him great injury, and that when the poor little fellow was sick, and his recovery uncertain, she tried to carry him into the street, there to let him perish, and was only restrained from doing so by force. He further charges that she has repeatedly threatened to destroy the child's life, either by poison or other means, and he prays the custody of said child. He alleges also that the mother is a person of low, vulgar, and vicious habits, whose society is unfit for an innocent child; but he does not say whether she was so before he married her, or has become so since. They were married on the 27th of March, 1871.

BANKER DISCHARGED AND AGAIN ARRESTED.

The perjury case against George Barker, stricken from the docket some time ago, was on yesterday reinstated, and a capias issued. The perjury consisted in the defendant swearing to the ownership of the property in connection with which he was tried on Friday (for forgery, in erasing the name of the real owner from a warranty deed, and substituting his own, and adding a number of lots to those therein conveyed). In respect of the latter charge, the jury on Saturday came into court and returned a verdict of not guilty. Barker was arrested on the new charge of perjury as soon as he was discharged in the matter of forgery.

BANKRUPTCY MATTERS.

The motion of the petitioners to set aside dismissal, and to reinstate the case, in the matter of J. W. Hoffman et al., was on Saturday overruled.

In the matter of Edward Skelsey et al., a jury was waived, and the case was submitted to court. Finding, debtors not guilty, and petition dismissed. The case was fully reported in yesterday's TRIBUNE.

On the report of the Provisional Assignee, a sale of the stock of Lewis Robertson, at 60 cents on the dollar, was authorized by the Court.

Mabie, Murray & Morgan, of New York, on Saturday filed a petition for the adjudication of S. Steckel, of Princeton, Bureau County, Ill., claiming as creditors on three notes of $1,000 each, and alleging that the debtor is unable to meet hisliabilities, as they fall due, out of his assets. The usual rule to show cause was issued.

In the matter of Joseph Gardner, Jr., a reference was made to Register Coon for final report; same in the matter of Moses M. Howe.

The entire real estate of the bankrupt firm of Root & Cady was reported sold, by the Assignee, on Saturday, for $263, less incumbrances amounting to $22,000. Among the sales were the following: Lots 42 and 43, Block 29, D. W. Eldred's re-subdivision of the Village of Jefferson, unincumbered, $35; Lot 9, in Block 2, in Claskrom Subdivision, in Section 6, 39, 14, unincumbered, $50. One top buggy sold to Harriet M. Cady for $60, and another for $20. The sale was confirmed, subject to objections by the 26th inst.

Robert E. Jenkins is appointed Assignee of the Commercial Insurance Company, and of F. S. Winslow.

GENERAL NOTES.

A few days ago a judgment for $8,362 was recorded against Joseph R. Bickerdike and Robert W. Robinson, in the Circuit Court, at the suit of John J. Young, and the Sheriff having returned "no property found," the plaintiff, on Saturday, filed an affidavit to garnishee Robert Lancaster and Alanson Reed for the amount due.

The Town of Lake View, on Saturday, petitioned for a jury to ascertain the compensation to be made to private property-owners for a street to be opened from Diversey street to Wellington street.

The Chicago & Great Western Railroad Company, on Saturday, petitioned the Circuit Court for condemnation of right of way across part of Sec. 24, 39, 14. The road is projected from La-Salle to this city. E. G. Asay and W. L. Hirst, Jr., attorneys for the plaintiff.

John Messer on Saturday commenced suit against the People's Omnibus and Baggage Company, in the Superior Court, in an action of trespass, $2,000 damages.

An Archdeacon yesterday entered the judicial arena, William by name, for the unchristian-like purpose of suing a brother sinner in assumpsit, $300 damages.

Mary Dillon complains that Christopher and Mary Huber and Peter Bergmann have pulled down about seventy feet of posts and fencing of her close, and encroached on the same, reducing its limits by putting up new posts and fencing on the south half of Lot 6, in Ginley's Subdivision of Lots 25, 28, and 38, in Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the west half of Sec. 27, Township 39, 14; for which she demands $1,000 damages.

David Thornton commenced suit in trespass, $10,000 damages, in the Circuit Court, against James M. Adsit.

Alfred B. Westrup began an action in case, $5,000 damages, in the Circuit Court, against William D. Hoffman.

Motions for new trials in the United States Courts will come up for argument this morning.

At the first meeting of creditors of Patrick Meegan, George W. Campbell was elected Assignee.

A meeting of the creditors of William H. Hackett was held on Saturday, to receive the report of the Assignee and declare a dividend, when the report produced showed $13,000 indebtedness and $4,000 cash in hand, and a dividend of 30 per cent was declared.

Meetings of creditors in bankruptcy, before Register Hibbard, will take place at 10 a. m., on the matter of Buttles et al.; at 2 p. m., in Pettibone et al.; and 10 a. m., in Chandler et al. and Peyton Chandler; in the last two cases to hear bankrupt's application for discharge.

NEW SUITS.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Levi J. Mahie, Cyrus J. Murray, and George W. Morgan v. S. Steckel and Robert Derose; assumpsit, $1,500.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—6,240—W. P. Dickerson & Co. v. W. H. Russell, Jr.; attachment, $300. 6,241—Lonisa S. Meserve v. Elisha Nason; petition to perpetuate evidence. 6,242—John J. Young v. Joseph R. Bickerdike and Robert W. Robinson; affidavit to garnishee Robert Lancaster and Alanson Reed for a payment of $8,362 and costs. 6,243—Appeal. 6,244—Suppressed for service. 6,245—David Thornton v. James M. Adsit; trespass, $10,000. 6,246—Jacob A. Kissell v. Silas R. Ball and Lucius Bradley; assumpsit, $200. 6,247—Joseph R. Doggett v. William H. Wilber et al.; petition to supply record. 6,248—Abram Oppenstein v. Barnet Ginsburg; assumpsit, $2,000. 6,249—Town of Lake View v. Joseph Hoffman and George F. Mitchell, et al.; petition for compensation for property for a street to be opened from Diversey street to Wellington street, for ascertainment by a jury. 6,250—Chicago & Great Western Railroad Company v. Oliver McMahon et al.; petition for right of way across the w ½ of the w ½ of the s e ¼ of Sec. 24, 39, 13. 6,251—Alfred B. Westrup v. William D. Hoffman; case, $5,000.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.—42,747—Frank Amman and Nathan Eisendrath v. George H. Fergus and William E. Furness; petition for mechanics' lien. 42,648—John Messer v. Peoples' Omnibus and Baggage Company; trespass, $2,000. 42,749—Moses D. Wells et al. v. A. D. Tarbox; assumpsit, $100. 42,750—Same v. Nelson Maxon; assumpsit, $200. 42,751—Appeal. 42,752—William Archdeacon v. G. W. Haddleston; assumpsit, $300. 42,753—Rogers Fowler, et al. v. John Renne et al.; petition for mechanic's lien. 42,754—Mary Dillon v. Christopher Huber, Mary Huber, and Peter Bergmann; trespass, $5,000. 42,755—Paul v. Maria Moe; divorce on the ground of cruelty. 42,756—James McQuirk v. Daniel Bogle; bill to obtain possession of the tug Ada Aiden, and for accounting. 42,757—John W. Burdsal, survivor, etc., v. Lucius O. Myrick et al.; petition to supply record. 42,758—Augusta Theska v. Otto Hillgermaen; assumpsit, $500. 44,759—Patrick Gillespie v. Andrew J. Kinney; affidavit to garnishee John G. Bigelow for $249.66. 42,760—Wm. F. Hamilton et al. v. J. A. Taylor; assumpsit, $200. 42,761—Mary Farnham v. Wm. C. Farnham; bill for divorce. 42,762—Harry Fox and Wm. B. Howard v. L. S. Warner; assumpsit, $1,000. 42,763—Peter Cotes v. Globe Company v. Clarence Filkins, John L. Manning, and Charles P. Marsh; petition for mechanic's lien.

An Atrocious Habit.

There is a habit peculiar to many walkers, which *Punch*, some years ago, touched upon satirically, but which seems to have survived the jester's ridicule. It is that custom of stopping friends in the street, to whom we have nothing whatever to communicate, but whom we embarrass for no other purpose than simply to show our friendship. Jones meets his friend Smith, whom he has not in nearly the same locality but a few hours before. During that interval, it is highly probable that no event of any importance to Smith, nor indeed to Jones, which by a friendly construction Jones could imagine Smith to be interested in, has occurred, or is likely to occur. Yet both gentlemen stop and shake hands earnestly. "Well, how goes it?" remarks Smith, with a vague hope that something may have happened. "So, so," replies the cunning Jones, feeling intuitively the deep vacuity of his friend answering to his own. A pause ensues, in which both gentlemen regard each other with an imbecile smile and a fervent pressure of the hand. Smith draws a long breath and looks up the street. Jones sighs heavily and gazes down the street. Another pause, in which both gentlemen disengage their respective hands and glance anxiously around for some conventional avenue of escape. Finally, Smith (with a sudden assumption of having forgotten an important engagement) ejaculates, "Well, I must be off,"—a remark instantly echoed by the voluble Jones, and these gentlemen separate, only to repeat their miserable formula the next day. In the above example I have compassionately shortened the usual leave-taking, which, in skillful hands, may be protracted to a length which I shudder to recall. I have sometimes, when an active participant in those atrocious transactions, lingered in the hope of saying something natural to my friend (feeling that he, too, was groping in the maxy labyrinths of his mind for a like expression), until I have felt that we ought to have been separated by a policeman. It is astonishing how far the most wretched joke will go in these emergencies, and how it will, as it were, convulsively detach the two cohering particles. I have laughed (albeit hysterically) at some witticism under cover of which I escaped, that five minutes afterward I could not perceive possessed a grain of humor. I would advise any person who may fall into this pitiable strait that, next to getting in the way of a passing dray and being forcibly disconnected, a joke is the most efficacious. A foreign phrase often may be tried with success; I have sometimes known *au revoir* pronounced "o-rever" to have the effect (as it ought) of severing friends.—*Brief Hark.*

CONJUGAL RIGHTS.

A Husband Not Responsible for a Slander Uttered by His Wife.

The Entire Question of Modern Changes in Married Life Reviewed by the Supreme Court.

The Gradual Admission of a Wife to Equal Rights Decided.

Declaration by the Court that the Marriage Relation is Crumbling Away.

The Scepter Has Departed from the Husband, and the Wife Must Take the Consequences.

There seemed a danger under recent decisions, that there would be, in course of time, absolutely no limit to the "rights" of a wife and, as some would say consequently, no limits to the "responsibilities" of the husband. By a recent opinion of the Supreme Court of this State, however, it appears that, whilst the newly-declared rights of the wife, to trade and so forth, on exactly equal terms with the husband, are admitted, the Court decides that justice is also due to the husband, in protecting him from responsibility from what is comprehensively known in law as the "torts" of the wife. The subject is an important one in this period of transition, when the generally-received notions as to marriage rights are being overturned on every side. The various decisions in the Cook County Courts, and the celebrated decision of Judge Blodgett, in which he declared that he must accept the new doctrine that a wife is entitled to trade as partner, either with her husband or any one else, have been given by THE TRIBUNE, and we complete the history of this new social revolution by drawing attention to its latest phase.

In the case under notice, Janet Robson sued one John Martin for slanderous words used respecting her by Margaret Martin, John's wife. In pronouncing an opinion, on the case coming up on appeal to the Supreme Court, Judge Thornton, for the Court, delivered an elaborate opinion, holding that the husband was not liable.

After considering the general question of the removal of the disabilities of a wife, His Honor proceeded:

A LIABILILITY

which has for its consideration rights conferred, should no longer exist when the consideration has failed. If the relations of husband and wife have been so changed as to deprive him of all rights to her property, and to the control of her person and time, and every principle of right would be violated, to hold him still responsible for her conduct. If she is emancipated, he should no longer be enslaved. For the policy and wisdom of legislation which has effected this change so radical, the Legislature alone is responsible. The courts must guard against a construction which might prove mischievous and

RESULT IN A PRACTICAL DIVORCEMENT

of man and wife, if such construction can be avoided. In Cole v. Van Ripen supra, this Court said that the Legislature never could have intended, by the enactment of 1861, to sever the rights and liabilities, or to enable the wife, at pleasure, to effectuate a divorce a mensa et thoro; or to confer the power to restrict the husband to the use of a particular chair, or to forbid him to take a book from her library without her permission. We shall not insist that such unwifelike conduct can even be justified since the law of 1869. The inquiry is therefore pertinent—What is left of the nuptial contract? What duties and obligations still exist? As the result of the marriage vow, and as a part of the contract, the wife is still bound to love and cherish the husband, and to obey him in all reasonable demands not inconsistent with the exercise of her legal rights; to treat him with respect, and regard him, at least, as her equal; and he is alike bound to protect and maintain her, unless she should neglect wholly her marital duties, as imposed by the common law, or assume a position to prevent their performance, and thus deprive him of her society, mar the beauty of married life, and disregard the household gods. These duties and obligations upon husband and wife were not the result of the arrangement of their property at common law, but of the contract of marriage, and the relation thereby created. By the marriage

SHE BECAME ONE OF HIS FAMILY,

and he was bound to provide her a home and necessaries there, but not elsewhere. He must furnish her with necessaries from a principle of duty and justice. This doctrine is approved by Kent in his Commentaries, 2 vol., 146. The argument urged to maintain the responsibility of the husband for the torts of the wife, because he may still be bound to provide necessaries, is not appropriate. Upon the marriage at common law, his assent to her contracts for necessaries was presumed upon proof of cohabitation. If she eloped, though not with an adulterer, the husband was not chargeable even for necessaries. But elopement did not release him from liability for her debts *dum sola*, or from her torts. The rule at common law as to liability for necessaries, if a man, without justifiable cause, turns away his wife, he is bound for her contracts for necessaries, suitable to her degree and estate. If they live together and he will not supply her, or the necessary means, she then can pledge his credit for necessaries strictly; but if he provides for her he is not bound by her contracts, unless there is evidence to prove his assent. So he is not bound by her contracts unless they are made by his authority or with his concurrence, except he makes no provision for her. The plain reason for the obligation was the cohabitation, or the right to enforce it, and the consequent right to her obedience and services. Even though she lived separate from him, supported her children, and earned a salary, the party owing her had no right to pay her after notice from her husband not to do so. He could, in such case, sue for and recover the salary. Now how changed! Her earnings, except for services she may render to him and his minor children, are her exclusive property, and she sues in her own name. No principle is better settled at common law than that

THE HUSBAND IS NOT LIABLE

for her torts without a dissolution of the marriage, even in case of separation. Where the husband and wife lived apart, and she published a libel of a third person, he was held to be answerable, notwithstanding the separation. The foundation for the liability in the two cases is different. In the one case it was based upon cohabitation, and the enjoyment of the society and services of the wife, as a necessary consequence. In the other case it vested, more particularly, if not exclusively, upon the fact that the husband became the absolute owner of her personal property, and has the right to receive the rents and profits of her real estate. It is also urged as a reason for the continued liability of the husband for the torts of the wife, that this obligation was imposed upon him, at common law,

WHETHER SHE WAS POOR OR WEALTHY,

and therefore the statutes have produced no different rule. If she did not endow him with gold, she endowed him with a more precious gift, and a greater excellence. She enriched him with her society; advised and encouraged him, as one who had no separate interests, and freely gave to him her time, industry, and skill. As a means of paying her debts and damages for her torts, her counsel and earnings might be as important as her accumulated property. The distinction between the liability of the husband for the contracts of the wife before marriage and for her torts during marriage, as for slander uttered by her alone, is too dim to be easily seen. He was made liable for her debts, at the period of marriage, because the law gave to him all her personal estate in the possession of the wife, and her choses in action. He was bound to pay her indebtedness, because he adopted her and her circumstances together. The law made him liable to the debts of the wife, for the tort because he acquired an absolute interest in her personal property; had the receipts of the rents and profits of her real estate during coverture, and was entitled to recover accrued to her by her industry or otherwise, during the same period. The reason for the liability, according to some authorities, is, that by the marriage the wife was deprived of the use and disposal of her property, and could exercise none of her industry, as her person and earnings belonged to the husband. Tyler on Infancy and Cov., sec. 216. The same author, after declaring the husband's liability for the debts and torts of the wife, says: "The reason assigned for such liabilities at common law, is that he was entitled to the rents and profits of the wife's real estate, during coverture, and to the absolute dominion over her personal property in possession. The common law was founded on principle, the absurdity of imposing obligations so onerous, without conferring corresponding rights. Hence, besides the rights of property, the legal preeminence was exclusively vested in the husband. He was answerable for her behavior, and hence had the

RIGHT OF RESTRAINT OVER HER PERSON.

Lord Kames, in his sketches, says: "The man bears rule over his wife's person and conduct; the woman submits to a limitation that governs by law, she by persuasion." In the matter of Cochrane, 8 Dowl., P. C., 632, the wife was, upon the hearing of a writ of habeas corpus, restored to her husband, upon the principle that she was under his guardianship, and that the law entitled him "for the sake of truth to protect her from the danger of unrestrained intercourse with the world, by enforcing cohabitation and a common residence." So long as the husband was entitled to the property of the wife and to her industry, so long as he had power to direct and control her, and thus prevent her from the commission of torts, there was some reason for his liability. The reason has ceased.

THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS ARE GONE.

The maxims, and authority, and adjudications of the past have faded away. The foundations hitherto deemed so essential for the preservation of the nuptial contract, and the maintenance of the marriage relation, are crumbling away. The unity of husband and wife has been severed. They are now distinct persons, and may have separate legal estates, contracts, debts, and injuries. To this conclusion have all the decisions of the court tended. So far as the separate property of the wife is concerned, she is now the same as a *feme sole*. She need not join her husband in law in a suit to recover it, or for trespass to it, as her rights only are affected, and she must sue alone for any invasion of them. She may even prosecute

A SUIT AGAINST HER HUSBAND

for any unlawful interference with her property, contrary to her wishes. The right of action for personal injuries to the wife is property. She may sue alone for the recovery of damages for such injuries, and the husband cannot, without her consent, release them. In the same case it is said that she can maintain in her own name an action for slander of her character. If she alone is entitled to receive and appropriate to her own use damages recovered for slander to herself, she should answer for her slander of others. Until the law of 1869 this court adhered to the common law rule, that the husband was responsible for the debts of the wife contracted before marriage. It was repeatedly declared that the liability rested not only upon the fact that the husband upon the marriage became the owner of the wife's personal property, when reduced to possession, and of a life estate in her realty, but upon the ground that he was entitled to the entire proceeds of her time and her labor, and that, notwithstanding the law of 1861, he was still entitled to her earnings.

A MARRIED WOMAN MAY NOW BE SUED

at law, upon her contracts, as to her separate property. She may now execute a valid lease of her separate estate without joining her husband, and without his consent. So diverse are the rights and liabilities, and disabilities, and disabilities of husband and wife now, from what they formerly were, that it would be most unreasonable to hold him still liable for her torts, committed without his presence, and without his consent or approbation. If he is not bound to pay her debts, why should he be responsible for her torts?

WHEN THE GROUND-WORK IS GONE,

as to one, it is gone as to the other, and the structure of the past must fall before the innovations of the present. She is now, to a very great extent, independent of him, and is clothed with rights and powers ample for her own protection, and, so far as her separate property is concerned, is responsible for her debts and contracts with reference to it. They are not one, as heretofore. They are one in name, and are bound by solemn contract, sanctioned by both Divine and human law, to mutual respect; should be of the same household, and one in love and affection. But a line has been drawn between them, distinct and ineffaceable, except by legislative power. His legal supremacy is gone, and

THE SCEPTRE HAS DEPARTED FROM HIM.

She, on the contrary, can have her separate estate; can contract with reference to it, can sue and be sued at law upon the contracts thus made; can sue in her own name for injury to her person and slander of her character, and can enjoy the fruits of her time and labor, free from the control or interference of her husband. The chains of the past have been broken by the progression of the present, and she may now enter upon the stern conflicts of life untrammeled. She no longer clings to and depends upon man; but has the legal right and aspires to battle with him in the contests of the forum; to outvie him in the healing art; to climb with him the steps of fame, and to share with him in every occupation. Her brain, and hands, and tongue are her own, and she should be responsible for slanders uttered by herself. Our opinion is that the necessary operation of the statutes is to discharge the husband from his liability for the torts of the wife during coverture, which he neither aided, advised, nor countenanced.

The judgment is reversed and the cause remanded.

Sheldon, J., files herewith a dissenting opinion, in which Scott, J., concurs, also Breese, J.

Two Receipts for Getting into Good Society.

Mrs. L——, of E—— Park, was always to be seen everywhere, no matter what difficulty much more exalted personages experienced in getting invitations. She was at the marriage of Paul Esterhazy with Lady Sarah Villiers,—the Prince who dropped £100 worth of diamonds from his jeweled attire whenever he went to a ball,—and saw everything, though the crowd was so great that nobody else could see anything but the person before him. This, however, she contrived to do by getting into the pulpit. To obtain an invitation to Lady Londonderry's ball required greater tact. "How did you do it?" asked a friend. Mrs. L—— of E—— Park, hesitated considerably before answering the question, but at last answered: "Well, I'll tell you. The morning of that ball I sent her ladyship a large van full of the most beautiful flowers; and she was so delighted with them that she sent me back a most pressing invitation to come and see how well my flowers looked at night. My garden is my life," she added, "and I never rob that for anybody;" but for twenty-five pounds spent in Covent Garden she found she could be asked wherever she pleased. A still cheaper method of receiving good company at one's own table was adopted by a certain "Jolly man," who requested the honor of the Duke of Wellington's company to meet Marshal Soult, and that of Marshal Soult to meet the Duke of Wellington, although unacquainted with either of them, for he knew that both these illustrious warriors were so fond of "fighting their battles o'er again" with one another that they were sure to accept. And then he invited Marshal Soult and the Duke of Wellington.—*From Recollections of Society in France and England, by Lady Clementina Davies.*

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DEATH FOR DEATH.

A Pastor Who Believes a Murderer Deserves to Die.

Rev. John Wood on the Subject of Capital Punishment.

The Protection of Human Society Demands a Life for a Life.

No Other Atonement Adequate for the Crime of Murder.

The Rev. John Wood, of the Ninth Presbyterian Church, preached yesterday morning to his congregation on "Capital Punishment." The following passages of Scripture were the basis of his remarks:

Gen. 9: 6—"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man."

Ex. 20: 13—"Thou shalt not kill."

Deut. 19: 12-13—"Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. Thine eye shall not pity him; but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee."

THE SERMON.

One of the surest marks of an advanced stage of civilization is found in an increased estimate of the value of human life. There is scarcely a stronger point of contrast between ancient and modern forms of civilization than is afforded by this one element. In rude ages, and among barbarous nations, human life is treated as if it were of no account, and human suffering scarcely elicits a care. Under the great empires of antiquity, men rotted and died like brute beasts. Under Greek and Roman civilization, life was equally cheap. Vast numbers of human beings were sacrificed to the ambition, the resentment or the mere caprice of a single mind.

Men and women who flocked by tens of thousands to the amphitheatre to witness the gladiatorial shows, and who looked down with delight when the sand of the arena was reddened with human blood, could hardly be expected to cherish an exalted opinion of human life. To my mind, there is hardly a feature of ancient history that teaches so painful a lesson as these scenes of carnage, of human suffering, gazed upon with applause by the assembled multitudes. The Coliseum at Rome, which would contain more than 80,000 spectators, would be thronged, not by the lowest population alone, but by nobles and senators, poets and philosophers, to look upon the spectacle of human beings in mortal combat, or torn in pieces by wild beasts. And this, too, in the age of Tacitus, of Cicero, and Seneca. It shows the depths of debasement to which human nature descends when left to itself—left to the workings of a depraved heart. And it shows, too, that a mere intellectual culture will interpose no barrier to the growth and prevalence of the most degrading and demoralizing of vices and crimes. It is doubted on all hands that the decay and final abolition of the gladiatorial games was due to the influence of the Gospel. Their suppression, says Lecky, in his history of European morals, "must be almost exclusively ascribed to the Christian Church." The first imperial edict against them was issued by Constantine, after his conversion to Christianity, and they were denounced with unwavering and uncompromising consistency by Christian writers and preachers, as not only demoralizing, degrading, and brutal, but as murders—for which the spectators and actors were equally responsible before Heaven.

The extinction of these barbarous spectacles was the work of Christianity. The Church refused to admit to baptism a professional gladiator until he had pledged himself to abandon his unholy calling, and every Christian who attended the games was excluded from communion. The Fathers of the Church, as I have already remarked, denounced them with unqualified vehemence; and, in the course of about half a century from the conversion of Constantine, the practice of human combat in the amphitheatre came to an end.

Christianity establishes a new relation between man and man. It reveals the great fact,—which no other religion on earth has ever recognized,—the fact of the brotherhood of all men; that all are members of the same family, possessed of the same rational and moral nature, and alike heirs of immortality. The first aspect in which the religion of Jesus Christ presented itself to the world was as a declaration of the fraternity of mankind. It considered man as a spiritual being,—separated not merely in degree, but in kind, from the irrational creation,—as possessed of a mind, or a soul, an immaterial and imperishable essence, that should continue to exist when suns, and stars, and systems had decayed and perished. Hence the infinite value that Christianity placed upon the individual man. It did not so much regard men in masses, but rather as individual units, each conscious and responsible soul a part by itself, each one a reflection of the Divine personality, endowed with unlimited capacities, and with an endless life. In recognizing the dignity of human nature, the Bible recognizes the dignity of every man. It confesses the undeveloped susceptibilities and capacities that exist in every partaker of human nature, and sinks all factitious and conventional distinctions in this our grand element of manhood. It sees in every man, whatever his advantages, his attainments, his station in life, an immortal being. It represents all men as children of the same God, heirs of the same salvation. It levels the distinctions of the world, as accidental and insignificant in His sight who looks upon the heart, and judges men by their true character. The only morality taught in the schools of paganism was one of intense and unmitigated selfishness. Christianity strengthens the benevolent sentiments of the heart, teaches men to regard the sorrows and sufferings of others with tender sympathy, and promulgates the great law which comprehends all duty as between man and man, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Now out of these ideas of human brotherhood—the community of nature between all men—grew up the eminently Christian idea of the sacredness of human life.

I believe that it is the great test of the moral progress of the world. Every advancement in civilization is marked by an increasing effort on the part of society to ameliorate the sufferings of men, to protect communities from disease, and increase the term of human life. Look at the complex and elaborate machinery of modern benevolence—how it singles out each form of human misery, one by one, and deals with it. We think more of a single life than heathenism, ancient or modern, thinks of the life of thousands.

If a stranger—an unknown man—falls and is injured in the busy streets of this city, Christianity picks him up; Christianity provides a hospital for him; Christianity furnishes him with the aids and appliances that are needful to save the imperiled life. Christian civilization reaches out its hand for the protection of human life in all its stages, from the child unborn to the extremest limit of old age. There is a practice to which it is difficult even to allude in a public address, yet which is intimately connected with the subject before us; and is one, moreover, in regard to which public opinion needs to be educated. On account of the obvious delicacy of the subject I shall not dwell upon it; but will simply remark that, in the light of Christianity, *abortion is murder*. It is a transgression of that divine law which declares "Thou shalt not kill." It is to be feared that multitudes do not so regard it. Facts come to the light, from time to time, that indicate a prevailing callousness upon this subject, and show that even among enlightened and intelligent minds there are many who do not look upon the crime with that deep feeling of condemnation and abhorrence that it deserves. The death of a man who is struck down in the midst of his enterprise and his hopes, in the maturity of his power, and whose removal from society causes a pang of sorrow and regret in hearts that are united to him by ties of love and friendship, such a death produces a very different impression upon the mind, from the painless extinction of a life that is just begun, the death of a being that has scarcely alighted on the earth—that has known nothing of the world's friendship or of its love. But the sp rit of the Gospel—the genius of Christianity—places in the same category the murder of the man and the murder of the *infant*. And it seems to me that there is no peculiar *aggravation* in the latter: it is *murder in the first degree*; wilful, premeditated, unprovoked—the murder of innocence the most helpless; a crime that merits the severest penalty that human law can inflict. [I was glad to see, some time ago, that the New York Medical Society had memorialized the Legislature of that State to enact a more stringent law on this subject—making the commission of the crime of which I have spoken punishable by imprisonment for life. Such legislation would certainly be in the right direction. But we need *public sentiment* to be right—we need a sound and healthful morality, as well as just laws.]

If we pass to the *next* stage of human life—that of infancy—we find Christianity extending here also the hand of protection. Infanticide is not the crime of a savage or a barbarous state. It prevailed, as is well known, in the most enlightened nations of antiquity,—was justified by the moralists and philosophers of Greece and Rome, and sanctioned by their laws. But no sooner had Christianity obtained recognition than it began the blessed work of rescuing the thousands of little children—helpless babes—that pagan philosophy had cast out to die. And not only did the Gospel effect a reformation of public morals in this respect, but it raised to new power and dignity the idea of the *family*. We often speak of home life, and of the sweet, tender, hallowed associations that gather around it; of its sympathies and affections, and of the refining and ennobling influences that flow from it. But, my friends, home, as we understand it, is the product of Christianity. Heathenism has no homes. All that gives elevation and purity to domestic life springs from the teachings of the Bible.

What I have said regarding the protection to human life in its earliest stages which Christianity affords, is equally applicable to life in its maturity. The religion of the Gospel teaches us to care for the sick, the aged, the infirm. It is said that in the ancient capitals of civilized antiquity, there was not so much as one public hospital. Now we see Christian lands covered with hospitals, asylums, homes for the destitute, for orphans, for babes. We see provision made for the relief of human suffering in all its forms. The spirit of Christianity is seen in all these institutions of charity and benevolence. This scrupulous care for human life—this idea of its sacredness—is wholly foreign to the genius of paganism. It is the outgrowth of the Christian doctrine of the inestimable value of each immortal soul. It is the distinguishing and transcendent characteristic of a Christian civilization.

The world has ever been full of human suffering and misery; the stoic and the epicurean look upon the scene, and, with perhaps a sigh of pity, pass the sufferer by; the disciple of Jesus becomes the Good Samaritan, stoops down over the prostrate and bleeding form, binds up the wounds that violence and cruelty have made, lifts up the sufferer, and ministers ungrudgingly to his need.

In what I have said, it has been my aim to show the estimate that Christianity puts upon human life—how the Gospel of Jesus throws a sanctity around even its humblest forms, by teaching the fraternity of all men, their individual accountability, and their immortal existence.

I now pass to the consideration of the penalty with which the divine law visits the crime of murder. For here we see again a testimony to the value of life. The Bible is the oldest of statute books. We open it, and in its first pages we read the great law, pronounced by the Supreme Law-giver: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man." The penalty of murder is here proclaimed,—death for death. It is an instance of the law of requital—an axiom of moral equity. The universal principle of justice is, that the wrong-doer shall make good the injury he causes, or suffer the like loss. Regarded as sin, murder terminates upon God. It is primarily an offense to the Creator. God reveals Himself as the guardian, therefore, of His own law—the protector of the life that He alone can bestow and He alone has the right to recall. "The blood of your lives will I require." "I, the Lord, the Creator, will demand life for life." "I will find the murderer out, and exact the penalty of his crime." To every Cain that deals death to his fellow-man, God is saying, "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."

Nature does not teach men that it is wrong to take the life of a fellow-man, but the law of God declares it,—and He who from Sinai's flaming summit uttered the great command, "Thou shalt not kill," Himself affixes to the law its penalty. The protection of human society, it is true, is a subordinate end, but it is not the only end in view. Justice has her claims upon the wrong-doer. The murderer deserves to die. No other punishment is adequate. The life of man is too precious a thing to put in the same category with any other possession. The crime of homicide stands apart from all other crimes, and deserves the awful penalty that divine and human law has affixed to it. We sometimes hear it said that the death penalty is a relic of barbarism, a remnant of the dark ages. Nothing can be more untrue. There have been times when capital punishment was inflicted without warrant, and for offenses altogether disproportioned to such a penalty. But the highest systems of jurisprudence recognize, what this oldest of statute books proclaims as a divine requirement, that life shall atone for life. It is just; it is equitable; it is a part of that moral system of retributive justice by which the Almighty governs the intelligent universe. "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed."

The principles involved in this subject are being sifted and investigated more thoroughly every day. No more alarming indication of the prevalence of social disorder and corruption could be imagined than the general insecurity of human life. Think of the highest of all crimes against the individual may go unpunished, what less community may not be expected by criminals of less degree?

The last few years have witnessed a reign of lawlessness and violence in the large cities of this country that would not be tolerated for a month in any of the capitals of Europe. Ruffians and criminals have boasted of their impunity. Murders average two or three a week in the commercial metropolis of the land. It is time to put an end to this reign of terror; and every upright man, as well as every Christian, will hail with satisfaction the infliction of the *extreme penalty of the law* upon every offender.

Seldom has a great crime attracted so much notice as that for which William Foster, on Friday last, paid the forfeit of his life. A more wanton murder never was committed. It was without the least provocation, and without a single extenuating circumstance,—a homicide as cowardly as it was brutal. Yet so great is the demoralization of public opinion by a weak sentimentality, that this assassin was made the object of a wide-spread sympathy, and herculean efforts were put forth to save him from the murderer's doom. First, all the resources of the law were exhausted. Skillful advocates made use of all those technical resorts by which the execution of justice is so often obstructed. After all these legal defenses had been exhausted, appeal was made to the pardoning power; and an array of wealth, and culture, and social influence was brought to bear upon the Executive of the State, such as has rarely interposed to save the life of a murderer. Unlike most condemned criminals, William Foster was of high social connections. His family was one of wealth and, respectability. Petitions, large in number, and imposing in the character of those who signed them, were forwarded to the State capital. Eminent lawyers, judges, and clergymen united in the request for a commutation of sentence. The jurors, who had been constrained, under oath, to declare the prisoner guilty, prayed that he might be saved from the consequences of that terrible verdict. Even the wife of the murdered victim united in the plea for mercy.

It seems to me that the awful sacredness of LAW, of JUSTICE, was never so strikingly displayed. In one man's hands rested the decision of life and death. Mercy plead for life, but justice demanded death. I doubt not that if Gov. Dix had allowed his personal feelings to control his judgment, the decision would have been different. He must have felt the solemnity of the case. At the very moment the decision was pending, there flashed across the wires from Europe tidings of the death of his son-in-law in Paris; and, in his personal bereavement, he could sympathize with the anguish of a father's heart. But Gov. Dix knew that this was a matter with which his personal sympathies had nothing to do. As an executive officer he was set to administer the law and execute justice; and with great wisdom and firmness he decided that the law must take its course. He felt that mercy to the criminal was cruelty to the public; and every enlightened conscience will approve the decision.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the effect of this distressful execution may be to check the spirit of lawlessness and violence throughout this whole land. It ought to deepen our sense of the value of human life. It ought to burn into the conscience of the turbulent, and vicious, and dangerous element of society the conviction that they cannot assassinate and kill with impunity.

When Gov. Dix declares that "every man who strikes a murderous blow at the life of his fellow must be made to feel that his own is in certain peril," he is but repeating the divine law, proclaimed 4,000 years ago by the voice of God himself, "Whose sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Rev. John Wood, Pastor of the Ninth Presbyterian Church, Bliss Avenue, Chicago, Ill.:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: The undersigned have listened with deep interest to your able and eloquent exposition of the crime of murder and the penalty to be inflicted therefor, delivered this morning. At a time when this weak sentimentality of many good men leads them, in their sympathy for the criminal, to lose sight of his crime, clothes the murderer with the robes of a disordered fancy until he becomes a hero to be admired, rather than a viper to be crushed, thus emboldening the assassin and rendering life insecure, we believe the wholesome truths by you so clearly and forcibly enunciated from the pulpit cannot be too widely disseminated; that their publication through the press will produce a wholesome effect in combatting prevalent and dangerous errors. We therefore earnestly request that you will permit the publication of your sermon.

JEREMIAH LEAMING,
CHARLES HOLLAND,
GEORGE A. FREAR,
And others.

CHICAGO, March 23, 1873.

Messrs. Jeremiah Leaming, Charles Holland, George A. Frear, and others:

GENTLEMEN: I fear that the interest which you have attached to my sermon this morning arises rather from the present importance of the subject, and its prominence in the public mind, than from any merit in the discussion of it. The discourse was hastily prepared, in the ordinary course of pulpit ministrations, and is far from what I would like to have it, but I defer to your kindly judgment, and accede to your request for publication. With great respect, I am yours truly, JOHN WOOD.

CHICAGO, March 23, 1873.

PERSONAL.

S. E. Loring, of this city, returned from Europe yesterday.

The Rev. Dr. E. H. Chapin, of New York, is at the Gardner House.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, of Boston, is at the Sherman House.

Among the arrivals at the Briggs House, yesterday, were the following: Lyman Richardson, Omaha; W. H. Woodward, Rock Island; T. L. Norris, Henderson, Ky.; N. K. Elliott, St. Louis; T. M. Moore, Buffalo; C. G. Warren, Boston; E. B. Brooks, Denver; T. H. Eaton, Madison.

Among the arrivals at the Matteson House, yesterday, were the following: W. B. Sheldon, Tremont, O.; Anthony Meyer, Pittsburgh; George S. Roper, Alton; Samuel D. Hastings, Madison; W. S. Pope, Detroit; E. J. Connor, Rochester; N. Sink, Paris, N. Y.; C. H. Tweedy, St. Paul; J. B. Lashbough, Texas; A. Bybee, Indianapolis.

Among the arrivals at the Tremont House, yesterday, were the following: Capt. J. R. Whittaker, Terre Haute; E. R. Sogge, San Francisco; D. Hatfield, New York; D. P. Harrington, Alton; P. H. Hunt, Indianapolis; O. A. Pearson and wife, Washington; W. H. Muthert, Baltimore; C. N. Tuttle, Auburn; R. B. Tindall, Chas. E. Dorr, New York.

Among the arrivals at the Gardner House yesterday were the following: Joseph Dickson, St. Louis; John Pratt, A. Staab, Santa Fe; E. C. Becker, St. Paul; S. Sherwood, Utica, N. Y.; W. F. Cabot, Boston; N. P. Otis, New York; J. M. Coleman, Louisville; William W. Allis, Milwaukee; Philip Elliot, England; H. E. McGaw, Detroit; S. Sangill, St. Clair.

Among the arrivals at the Sherman House yesterday were the following: W. P. Clarke, Manitoba; C. E. Black, W. B. Bacon, New York; Gilbert Cyr, Kankakee; W. A. Tillinghast, New Bedford, Mass.; J. W. Sprague, Washington Territory; J. Hathaway, Minneapolis; James W. Conrow, New York; Charles N. Thorpe, Philadelphia; E. B. Isham, Lake Superior; H. G. McMackin, Canada; S. S. Brooks, San Francisco; John B. Sanborn, St. Paul.

Jay Gould's biographer has sued his subject for refusing to take ten copies.

Gov. Bagley has reappointed Mrs. Harriet A. Tenney State Librarian of Michigan.

Ex-Gov. Baldwin, of Detroit, Mich., has made arrangements for a tour of two years in Europe.

Col. John Tyler, Jr., formerly editor of the Tallahassee *Sentinel*, has been appointed Judge of the First Circuit of Florida.

Miss Edith Fish, daughter of the Secretary of State, has just made her debut in Washington, and shares the honors with Miss Nellie Grant.

Maj. B. Rush Plumley, formerly of Philadelphia, has started the *Daily Times*, at Galveston, to be the successor of Flake's *Bulletin*.

Charlotte Cushman, having rested several weeks, will begin an engagement at Philadelphia, March 31.

R. S. Finkbine ("Bob") is to have $3,000 salary as Superintendent of work on the new State-House at Des Moines, Iowa.

Oscar A. Barnhart, late of the Knoxville (Ill.) *Republican*, has purchased an interest in the Rock Island *Union*.

Cooper K. Watson, a member of Congress 1855-'57, has been nominated in Huron County for the Ohio Constitutional Convention.

H. Clay Evans, formerly of Platteville, Wis., has been elected Treasurer of the Alabama & Chattanooga Railroad, with headquarters at Chattanooga.

Alexander H. Rice having declined the appointment from Massachusetts to the Vienna Exposition, the Governor has selected Charles Francis Adams, Jr.

William G. Ritch, of Oshkosh, Wis., appointed Secretary of the Territory of Mexico, has been State Senator and Presidential Elector, and was for a time editor of the Neenah *Press*.

J. Winslow Jones, of Portland, Me., who ran seventeen factories in Maine, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, putting up green corn for the canned-fruit trade, has failed for $196,000, and has 1,016 creditors.

Ex-Marshal Savage returned from Chicago this morning, where he was lately employed on the police force. He stated that he was not discharged from the force there, as the Chicago papers reported, but resigned voluntarily.—*Alton Telegraph.*

Dr. Hitchcock, of Boston, succeeded, during the last session of Congress, after much hard work, in having San Diego made a port of entry, and the President, on the recommendation of Secretary Boutwell, appointed the Doctor's son Collector. But the California Senators rejected the nomination.

Ex-Senator Corbett, of Oregon, has turned the balance of compensation due him over to the Washington Monument Fund. The amount unfortunately happens to be only $130. Per contra, his colleague, Senator Kelley, of Oregon, refuses his back pay, preferring to retain his mileage, which is $500 in excess of the back pay.

The lately-deceased wife of Reverdy Johnson, of Baltimore, was a daughter of Robert Bowie, the Governor of Maryland in 1811, and was married to Mr. Johnson in 1819. Their golden wedding was celebrated three years ago, and was graced by the presence of twelve living children, forty-five grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

There have been several transfers made recently among the captains of the Allan line of steamers. Capt. Smith has been changed from the Peruvian to the Prussian, Capt. Dutton from the Prussian to the new steamer Circassian, Capt. Richardson from the Austrian to the Peruvian, Capt. Watts from the Hibernian to the Nestorian, Capt. Archer from the Manitoba to the Hibernian, Capt. Ritchie from the Circassian to the Austrian, and Capt. H. Wylie from the St. Andrew to the Manitoba.

TEN GALLONS TOO MUCH.

Yesterday afternoon some boys broke into the a liquor store at No. 110 North Desplaines street. They shouldered a ten-gallon keg of whisky and carried it down to the house of the notorious Jim Galvin, on Wayman street. Jim opened the keg, instituted a feast, and made himself toast-master. He did not request responses, but Mike, his brother, responded with great vigor to a not very complimentary toast referring to himself, which Jim offered. After his response things were in a very disorganized condition, and, to enable Jim's wife to reset the table, the whole crowd went up-stairs to a room occupied by one Carroll and his wife. They toasted them until the wife responded in a speech which was not well received. Jim Galvin responded to it by seizing her nose with his teeth, and well-nigh biting it off. This aroused her husband's ire, and led him to lay hold on Jim. Jim's crowd came to his rescue, and, but for the arrival of Officer McDonaghue, would have beaten Collins and his wife to death. Jim Galvin and two of the boys were locked up in the Madison Street Station. The whisky keg was found as dry as the bed of a rill in mid-summer, and it is confidently asserted that its contents will never be recovered.

ANOTHER RAID.

A gambling-house kept by John Garland, on the corner of Wabash avenue and Jackson street, was raided last night by a squad of police under Sergeant Buckley. John himself, with Joe Cather, A. H. Myers, John H. Newcomb, and J. S. Williams, were captured, and taken to the Armory. Justice Banyon received bail for them, and rode off with them in a carriage.

CHURCH AND STATE.

A Plea for the Reunion of Religion and Civil Authority.

Their Separation the Cause of Our National Immorality.

An Episcopalian Remedy for the Evils of the Day.

Lecture by the Rev. J. F. Walker, of Calvary Church.

"The Church and the State Law" is the title of a lecture delivered last evening in Grace Episcopal Church, before a large congregation, by the Rev. J. F. Walker, Rector of Calvary Church. The lecture was first given in the regular course of Sunday afternoon lectures by the various Episcopal clergymen of the city at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul some weeks ago, and was repeated last evening at the request of Bishop Whitehouse, for the benefit of the South Side people. For his original proposition the lecturer took the ground that "two great antagonistic forces, Authority and Individualism, ceaselessly wrestle with each other upon the arena of time, and the varying fortunes of the struggle constitute human history, in which institutions represent Authority; revolutions, Individualism." He characterized individualism as the highest product of human self-consciousness, upon which authority must thrust itself as an already-existing power, a personality higher than man—God. The Church and the State are only the two great forms under which authority antagonizes with human individualism. Every nation, said the lecturer, passes through that phase of its history in which the functions of priest and civil governor are both vested in the person of the patriarch of a family. The Old Testament history of the Hebrews was cited as showing the origin of the conception of duty toward God and the State, between which there was then no line of demarcation. The rudimentary germs of worship and of nationality were combined for the first half-thousand years of their varying fortunes, gradually developing the cardinal virtue of their worship distinctly from Egyptian idolatry. Moses forced upon them a law written on two tables. The first four commandments deal with worship, the remaining six have to do with the forms of society. It is here that a Church and a State make their appearance side by side, having a common origin, whether it be human or divine. Religion is the mother of both the Church and of the State, and they are twin sisters; the two great voices of human duty. One cannot exist without the other. He was not pleading for the vicious connection commonly understood by Americans as existing between the Church and the State. A Henry VIII. was as intolerable as a Hildebrand. He did urge that the State recognize its blood relation to the Church. The latter had always recognized obligations to the State, and St. Paul, in laying the foundations of the government of the Church, charged that Christians should obey the civil laws, recognizing the State as a co-ordinate authority. The true Church never forgets the State, and never lifts the hand of rebellion against her. Obedience to the civil authority is taught in the catechism, and, before she asks anything for herself, the Church prays: "From all privy conspiracy and rebellion, good Lord, deliver us!"

And what return does the State render for all this generous and constant fealty of the Church? Snatching her own table of the Sinaitic code, violently disrupting it from its organic relations to that of the Church, she retires sullenly into a corner and sets up for herself—ignores the Church—refuses to vindicate the sanctity of the Sabbath—lets lawless mobs parade the streets of our cities on the Church's day of worship, flouting oaths and obscenity in the faces of those who go to pray—and says, "The State knows no religion."

What if the Church should say, to-day: "The Church knows no civil government?" Where, to-morrow, would there be a civil government in Christendom, to know? Whence comes to-day the conserving grace that insures the State from momentary disintegration? Is it from the material out of which whisky-rings are organized, gambling-hells sustained? Is it from those masses of immigration out of whose hearts a Continental Reformation gone to seed in German Rationalism has eaten the last vestiges of religious faith?

The State knows full well, by an increasing bitter experience in court, reform-school, and prison, that these are her dangerous classes, of whose mere existence is momentarily imperiled; and that the forces upon whose healthful action her perpetuity and safety depend are to be found among those whose social orders and civil allegiance are backed and sustained by a definite and positive religious faith, embodied and enforced by the Church.

In the dangerous experiment the State is attempting in this age, and especially in this country—the experiment of divorcing herself from the Church,—i. e., in repudiating the necessary dependence of morality the State demands upon the religion the Church teaches. All history concurs in the declaration that such experiments must fail. The political solidarity of a nation depends upon the unity and earnestness of its religious faith. For nearly eight centuries Roman religion and law maintained the closest bonds of union. "To Romans, the founder of the nation was a deity . . . . and their patriotism a religion." "Pro aris et focis" was the inspiring battle-cry that had made their legions victorious throughout the civilized world. Rome's denationalization began with the decline of the popular faith in the national religion, and to-day her history sends across the centuries the solemn warning that a nation that has no altars will soon have no hearth-stones; that a people that ignores the Church will soon have no State. And we, in this community, are we not already entering the penumbra of this fearful eclipse of our national glory? The second table of the Sinaitic code has ever been confessed by the ablest statesmen of the civilized world to be the great Bill of Rights, alike for the interest of humanity all civil governments have endeavored to sanction and enforce. And yet to-day American society is losing ground on every one of the moralities of this table. Our great cities are rapidly being vandalized, and the country at large demoralized. Corruption and bribery sit in Senate-chamber and on wool-sack; drunkenness reels, adultery flaunts, robbery grows, and the demon of murder, in unspeakable and unspeakable forms, raves among all strata of society, from Fifth avenues to Water streets, defying or buying up law as circumstances may dictate; in short, we are rapidly approaching a crisis it requires little discernment to foresee, where an enforced morality will simply become longer impossible, law a dead letter, and the State a failure.

And the secret of the whole difficulty lies in the fact that the modern, and especially our American State, has made two fundamental mistakes in the business of civil government. The first is, that she has divorced what God in the history of the world has joined together. Secondly, from all question of the supernatural origin of the Sinaitic code, its two tables come upon the field of history together. In their application to the developing needs of human society, they fell by common consent into their respective places, as each the charter and organic law of an outward and visible institution,—the first, of the Church, the second, of the State. These places they have held in the faith and thought of the best civilizations of the race for 4,000 years. Side by side the Church and the State have come down through the centuries, recognizing their simultaneous nativity and their mutual relations of interest and dependence. But the modern State has committed the blunder—the crime against history—of ignoring those relations to which all history has witnessed, and expecting to enforce, as a State, the system of moral duties to our fellows, set forth in the second table, in violent disruption from, and independence of, the system of spiritual duties to God, and faith in the first, and represented by a church. This never can be done. It has been as true of all nations as of those which have inherited the two tables of the Sinaitic code, that a national morality has only been possible by the side of a national religion. For a system of moral duties to our fellows, on which all human governments must base themselves, has no force except in the light of an absolute standard of righteousness, and a moral retribution which holds its court of assize beyond the confines of our poor earthly life. And so see how the State, in all matters she deems of special importance to social order or civil justice, takes a change of venue from her own courts, enforcing upon the conscience of her subject fealty to her law by the pains and penalties of that higher jurisdiction. And note how, when the popular heart loses faith in that higher jurisdiction, the State becomes unable to protect herself from bribery and perjury, by the appeal of an oath to this higher court, and the foundations of social order and civil security are at the mercy of those whom she has *educated* in godlessness by ignoring the Church.

But the second mistake which the modern State has made is greater than the first, because it includes it, and is the reason for it. While she has endeavored to enforce the commands of the second table of the decalogue, as an objective system of morals, she has denied the equally objective character of the first table, and given over the whole field of religion to the subjective convictions of men,—making each man authority for himself in all matters of religion, and promising to protect him in the exercise of that authority,—by the edict that "the State knows no religion." In other words, the State calls upon the Church to abdicate as one of the two great historic forms of authority, and commit the whole matter of the first table of the law back to individualism,—to chaos, —while she herself expected still to sway the sceptre of an objective authority, and enforce the second table as an objective and real system of human duty. In this, too, she has failed. Individualism in religion will ripen into individualism in morals. A man who is a law unto himself in Church will soon be in State. The State that teaches its subjects that it "knows no religion" will soon be taught by its subjects that it knows no morality, and has no more right to enforce the objective morality of the decalogue upon any man who has concluded that it is not a right morality, than it has to enforce on him the objective religion of the same decalogue. And so the State that calls upon the Church to abdicate in favor of individualism, on the ground that religion has no objective law in the first table of the decalogue, will soon in turn be called upon to abdicate herself in favor of the same power, on the ground that social morality and civil order have no objective law in the second table, but are matters of subjective jurisdiction belonging to each individual conscience.

And this is the true secret to-day of the rapid decline in our national morality, and the vandal lawlessness of the irreligious masses of our population. They are in the carrying out the doctrine that a "State knows no religion" but a subjective one, to its legitimate result that it can know no morality but a subjective one. And so, ever since the Continental Reformation ignored an objective and historical Church in favor of private interpretation of Scripture and an invisible and subjective Church, the trend of human speculation has been towards equally subjective theories of government, which make all civil authority to vest in the consent of the people, denying to the moralities the State seeks to enforce any foundation in absolute truth, and making them simply the expediencies of the hour, which might at any time be adjourned by a popular vote. As a legitimate outcome of this, the masses of the people are every day coming to live more and more each man by his own subjective standard of morality, so far as he may, without coming into unpleasant collision with the State. And the more the weight of these subjective standards of morality, we have only to refer to the immoral and unchaste theories that get hearing and following,—the licentious literature that floods the community,—the startling revelations of moral recklessness that daily crop out from every stratum of society, and the disgusting and tragic disclosures of our criminal courts.

Out of all this there is but one path of hope, one course that leads aside from the disintegration and anarchy that lies but a little way ahead, for American society. The great Augustus met and fully comprehended the entirely similar situation of the Roman people, when, amid the crumbling, crunching sounds of social disintegration on every side, he accepted it as the problem of his reign to celebrate once more the divorced banns between Roman religion and Roman law. The same problem presses the American people to-day for solution, to re-marry the two great forces which God in history as well as in revelation has joined together—morality and religion—as enjoined in the two tables of one law. The State must qualify herself by the re-assertion of the Church's table, to sustain her own. An objective morality must fall back upon an objective religion. There will be a State, for any length of time, only as that State recognizes the existence of a Church, and their mutual obligations to each other, and to God. The State has long demanded and received from the Church what she has refused to reciprocate to the Church. She would have regarded it as the greatest conceivable desertion of a church's mission had the Church at any time refused her sanction and indorsement to the second table of the decalogue, while she has herself refused her sanction and indorsement to the first table. She has insisted on the Church to sustain the objective authority of the State, while she herself has distinctly proclaimed that the whole sphere of religion must be given over to subjectivity and individualism. But the experiment of attempting to maintain an objective State by the side of an objective Church is drawing to a close. The human mind and heart are tired of gambling with its wealth. Society is instinctively shrinking from the results of its own theories. Everything indicates an approaching crisis. Every reflecting mind knows that the chords that bind the great masses of our city population to social order and civil obedience are already testing the tenacity of every fibre in their composition, and every thinking man trembles as he sees and feels, under the veriest film of social order, the throbbings of the great wild pulse of a maddened mob, which more than half proposes to take the law into its own hands, when it is made to feel the pressure of the State. It is beginning to be profoundly felt on all sides that society is "wildly drifting" to some unknown catastrophe. Spasmodic efforts for more stringent legislation, and for more thorough enforcement of existing laws against alarmingly increasing crime, are among the signs of this awakening consciousness. These efforts may modify slightly and temporarily the symptoms, but they do not touch the disease. There is a more radical treatment needed. Ever since the State withdrew her indorsement of the first table of the law, in favor of a subjective religion in which individualism is the law of faith, she has been drifting toward a subjective morality in which individualism is the law of practice. What remains for the State is that she shall return to her primitive allegiance—that she shall recognize Church as her peer and ally, by accepting her own high and responsible position, which she has so long ignored, and which God in history has so plainly indicated to her. She must return and co-ordinate once more her theories of government and her legislative enactments to the law of God, because it *is* the law of God. Her halls of legislation and her courts of justice must no longer make the word of God of none effect by their traditions. She will find the Church still praying for the State. From her litany ceaselessly goes up the supplication that all Christian rulers and magistrates may be blessed and preserved, and may have grace to execute justice and to maintain truth; and when there shall again be Christian magistrates and rulers, by the return of the State to a practical recognition of the Christian religion, then will the twain—the State and the Church—accept their commission.

She must say to her statute-books, and sustain it in her public social standard of morals, and in the administration of her penal code, "Thou shalt do no murder; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not steal." * * * And she must say it because it is the word of *God*. She must be afraid to own her allegiance to God, and to demand obedience to her statutes because they are His requirements. She must claim authority over men, not because she represents their sovereign, but because she is the ambassador of God. She must fill up the full meaning of every commandment of her own table, the second, and then she must turn to the Church's table, the first, and sustain the worship of God and the sacredness of the Sabbath. She must make her whole law if she hopes to enforce long any part of it. The State that "knows no religion" must learn one. A Christian State must learn the Christian religion, and must say to her legislators, "You must make Christian laws;" to her officers, "You must execute Christian laws;" and to her subjects, "You must obey Christian laws, for this is a Christian State, and knows the Christian religion."

Nor need she palter over the divided state of Christendom, deplorable as it is. The cries of "Lo here!" and "Lo there!" need not bewilder her. For it is no speculative, subjective Christianity she is called upon to accept. The Christian religion is a matter of history, and not of private judgment. And, in the good providence of God, a historical Church, containing the deposit of the historical faith, though deserted long ago for the wild schemes of individualism, has stood, in the solitary grandeur of her mission, witnessing in the wilderness of a subjective Christendom, and amid the revolutions of subjective theories of government, for the Faith once delivered to the Saints. She stood like Daniel in her lot, in the calm assurance that she should see the end of her days of desolation; that He who rules King of Kings as of Saints would say at last to the proud waves of Individualism, both in Church and State: "Peace, be still," and the breath of His spirit would again go out over the chaos, evoking the cosmic order and beauty of a new creation.

Accepting the guidance thus providentially preserved for her, the State must return and place herself by the side of the Church, and they twain, taking their commission from the appointment of God and the teachings of history, renew the time-old struggle between a Divine Authority and Human Individualism, and wage it hand in hand. This is the only path out of the frowning dangers of the time. This path must be taken speedily, earnestly, or the day is not distant when the kingdom shall be taken from the State that now is, and given to a State bringing forth the fruits thereof.

BANYON'S PECULIARITIES.

The South Side Supreme Justice Expounds His Practice in Changing Charges—He Considers It Good Law to Include the Greater Offences in the Lesser—An Instructive Scene.

Rather an amusing yarn is told of Justice Banyon. On Saturday, two men were brought before the Falstaffian Police Justice, charged with burglary from Michael & Goldstein's store. They were found by a policeman sitting on cases of wines and similar property, that afterwards turned out to have been burglarized from the store in question, and were taken into custody on what was pretty good evidence of their guilt, next to having been taken in flagrante delictu, being unable to give a coherent account of how they came into possession of the property. They said they were resting themselves, waiting for a car to come up, but failed to show how they came to have selected so valuable and unusual a place for repose. One of the men, being able to give bail, was given temporary liberty, but, in the other case, it was considered that there being no direct evidence of the man having been concerned in the burglary, he was about to be discharged, when Adolph Moses, for the State, applied that the charge be changed to larceny. Very rarely practicing out of the higher courts, it is supposed that the counsel was not quite equal to Banyon's calibre; at all events, he was not prepared to submit to the law laid down herein, as thereupon expounded by the champion heavy-weight Justice of Chicago, and he proceeded to argue that it was generally received as good law that the greater offense included the lesser; as for example, if a man were charged with murder, and the facts turned out to be insufficient to sustain that charge, but sufficient to prove manslaughter, or assault with intent to kill, it would be lawful to change the charge accordingly. Justice Banyon turned the matter over in his mind a little while, but finding the arguments in that immense storehouse of criminal knowledge so evenly balanced that a straw might turn the scale, and no straw being handy, he appealed to Justice Finsdale, who sat as associate in the burglary case, for his opinion, who unhesitatingly pronounced for the counsel. His Honor then said, in a voice choked with doubt:

"If a man is brought before me, charged with disorderly conduct, and he turns out to be guilty of larceny, I should certainly try him for larceny, including the greater crime in the lesser, and as Justice Hinsdale is of opinion that the obverse is the case, the defendant will be remanded in default of bail on the charge of larceny."

This extraordinary doctrine of the Justice, if frequently carried out, will some day lead to trouble.

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